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## Council allowances may be recovered

HONITON Town Council may have to recover public money mistakenly paid out in members' allowances, after a legal grey area was exposed at a meeting last week.

One councillor has already called for an inquiry into the matter, which dates back to a change in legislation enforced in 2003.

Members have now taken urgent steps to ensure they do not break the rules in future, but hundreds of pounds may have been inadvertently handed out to ineligible councillors over a period of more than 10 years.

The town council's finance committee was previously briefed on the discovery, which appears to suggest that only 'elected' members can claim the £305 annual allowance.

Under the exact wording of the 2003 legislation, 'co-opted' members – those appointed by the council rather than the electorate – are only eligible to claim basic expenses, and not the additional allowance.

Speaking at the council meeting last week, Councillor Roy Coombs warned that co-opted members past and present may have been "inadvertently entrapped".

He said there was no question of any deliberate wrongdoing on the part of council clerks, but that the matter now needed closer scrutiny.

"I believe there needs to be a report on this, an inquiry on this, going back to 2003," he said.

by Jack Dixon  
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"Quite possibly, there were no co-opted councillors in 2003, so what our clerk did then was quite correct. "But it is not just a matter of whether the councillors – including me, I claim the allowance – are in it for the money. It is also a question of protecting the council taxpayers' funds as well – and to make sure that they are used properly and indeed legally."

Members were shocked that such "discriminatory" and "unfair" rules existed, preventing many councillors from claiming the same amount as elected members.

But the council resolved to change its current policy, until further information becomes available, so as to

comply with the legislation as it stands.

Deputy Mayor Councillor John Zarczynski said: "Having looked at all the evidence, as much as I totally disagree with the discrimination against co-opted councillors regarding the membership allowance rules, this council does not make legislation but we have to abide by it.

"This situation is not of Honiton Town Council's making. In view of what's happened, I think this should have been addressed many years ago by previous clerks. Unfortunately we are facing this problem.

"What I now wish to propose is that we accept the legislation as it is and only pay allowances to elected members of this council.

"However, I have spoken to the town clerk and she will look into this situation and express our concerns

about discrimination.

"We must get more information on this – and we

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**CHRISTMAS TREES GALORE** | The four-day St Paul's Grand Christmas Tree Celebration in Honiton was formally opened by town mayor Peter Halse on Thursday, December 11th. Local organisations and businesses had been invited to decorate and display Christmas trees in the church. The formal opening started when town crier Dave Retter gave a cry on the stairs of the church, followed by the mayor cutting a tinsel ribbon

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### East Devon athlete wins BBC award

EAST Devon's champion athlete Jo Pavey capped an extraordinary year by adding the BBC Sports Personality of the Year third place trophy to her growing collection.

The 41-year-old Honiton-born athlete was pipped to the top spots by golfer Rory McIlroy and Formula One racing driver Lewis Hamilton.

Speaking during the ceremony, she told the BBC: "Someone gave me the third place envelope – I can't believe I'm on the same stage as Lewis Hamilton and Rory McIlroy!"



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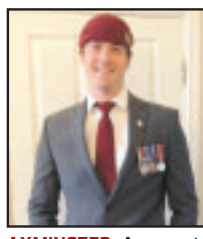
**OTTERY:** Former Ottery St Mary GP, Dr Jeremy Bradshaw, shares a selection of amusing stories and value of general practice in his new book "This May Hurt a Little: The Life and Misadventures of a Country Doctor", complete with illustrations by Jon-Paul McCarthy.



**SIDMOUTH:** Michael Temple, Sidmouth residents and a member of campaign group the East Devon Alliance, revived the writings of former poet laureate John Betjeman during a special performance, which he compered at All Saints Church Hall last week.



**EAST DEVON:** District and county councillor Claire Wright said she was surprised that the comment 'Cull all Tory councillors' left on her blog by a reader had sparked such a reaction after it was reported to the police. Police this week said they would not be investigating further.



**AXMINSTER:** Army veteran Lyndon Chatting-Walters, who was injured in Afghanistan in 2008, attended a reception at Buckingham Palace, hosted by the Duke of Cambridge and Prince Harry to recognise those involved in the medical care, recovery and rehabilitation of those injured in the Armed Forces.

## Quotes of the week...

**“** We will wait until after Christmas to see what plans NatWest have for the building. But we do have real concerns about the impact this decision could have on the high street. If you start reducing the number of banks then people will not want to come into Ottery – and clearly this will have an impact on the town. It goes without saying that losing a key facility like this is worrying. You start to wonder, what is going to be next? ”

*John Campion, chairman of Ottery St Mary Chamber of Commerce, after news that NatWest had taken the decision to close the town's branch in the New Year.*

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*Councillor Helen Parr, chairman of East Devon's Development Management Committee, following changes to the government's planning guidelines which mean developers will not have to make contributions to community infrastructure on developments under 10 or six houses, depending on the area.*

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COLYTON

# Too dangerous to drive to Colyton

**RESIDENTS** of Umborne have said they now avoid driving into Colyton and would rather travel to Honiton to shop because the road into the town is in such a poor state of repair.

Speaking at last week's Colyton Parish Council meeting, residents said the stretch of road between Umborne and Colyton, particularly Chapel Knapp around Lilylake and Yadbury farms, had "at least 100 potholes" and was often flooded making it particularly dangerous.

One resident complained that he had recently had to pay £280 for car repairs caused by the poor condition of the road and now avoided the route, instead going in the opposite direction to the A35, and said once you reach the main road "you might as well go onto Honiton".

The resident also reported that a cyclist had recently described the lane as "the worst stretch of road he had cycled for over 30 years".

He added: "It's damn right dangerous and it's getting close to accidents or fatalities."

Umborne resident John Buse wrote a letter to the parish council and handed out a map at the meeting outlining the worst affected areas and expressing particular concerns about potholes being hidden in water, damage to vehicles and icy stretches during cold spells.

## EMERGENCY SITUATION

He asked for the parish council to respond to their concerns but was told it was a county council matter.

Councillor Colin Pady described the situation as "an emergency which needs to be tackled immediately", as he was concerned the surface water would freeze and become even more dangerous in cold weather.

Residents also complained that other stretches of roads in the local area had been prioritised for repairs when they were not in such a bad condition.

Councillor Ken Clifford said that roads in Shute, just outside Colyton's parish boundaries, had been repaired when they were not in such a poor state.

Parish councillors raised the concerns with county councillor Sara Randall-Johnson later in the meeting. She said the road was not heavily used, adding: "To the local people I know it's vital but the road is not closed and they are not having to make a long diversion."

Councillors argued that residents were actually making diversions to the A35 and had been put off driving into Colyton.

Councillor Clifford added: "What annoys people is that, where Colyton parish ends, they had had all their repairs done and it wasn't as bad."

Councillor Randall-Johnson added that she did want to find a solution to the stretch of road which was continuously flooded.

Councillor Peter Gibbons said: "All you have to do is get someone who knows the problem and a digger and clear the ditches."

Councillor Randall-Johnson: "Go and do it then."

Councillor Gibbons: "What do you mean 'go and do it'? I can't just go and do it myself."

Councillor Clifford: "A farmer did clear some but they can't do it all."

Councillor Randall-Johnson said she sympathised with residents living with a poor state of road but there was an "imbalance of funding" for highways so she wanted to look specifically at the area which was flooded.

Parish councillors agreed to write a "strong" letter to the county's highways department and to Neil Parish MP, and to discuss the issue further at their upcoming traffic meeting.

# From the editor's chair Sorry to disappoint...



**IT'S** just over a year since we launched our charity campaign with a commitment to raise £10,000 over two years for the Rotary-led Water Survival Box.

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We have received splendid support from our readers during the year, with dozens of donations being received, and my staff have done their bit by getting up to all sorts of crazy things, including Jenna Wellman's parachute jump at Dunkeswell, Anita Routley's Underground Challenge and my deputy editor, James Coles, walking from Seaton to Watchet.

Dress Down Fridays, allowing staff to come into work in casual clothing (very 1970s), has also contributed to the fund, as has our tuck box. In fact, the latter has raised £450, which will buy three Water Survival Boxes which says more about our unhealthy eating habits at

work than we would like to admit.

The £8,000 mark was passed on Friday when the Rotary Club of Axminster kindly presented me with a cheque for £300, the proceeds of the draw at their Christmas lunch at the Guildhall.

Attending the lunch - one of my favourite pre-Christmas events - also gave me the opportunity to dispel rumours that I am about to retire.

Sorry to disappoint those of you out there urging me to do so, but nothing could be further from the truth.

In fact, I have just launched four new community newspapers in Central London - Westminster, Pimlico, Kensington and Chelsea - for our parent company, Tindle Newspapers. As we were given just four weeks to do it, it turned out to be one of the most daunting but enjoyable challenges in my career.

It does mean that for the time being I won't be around quite so much but I still have responsibility for the View From group - so you haven't got rid of me quite yet!

Philip Evans

AXMINSTER

# 'No' to Hunters Lodge traffic lights

**TRAFFIC** lights at the A35 Hunters Lodge junction have been ruled out by the Highways Agency.

Having proposed a traffic sign-based solution, the Highways Agency was forced back to the drawing board following a heated public meeting in Axminster in July.

The intention was to draw up a plan based on traffic lights, but this idea has now been definitely scrapped.

Axminster Mayor Jeremy Walden broke the news during the December meeting of Axminster Town Council.

Referring to a meeting the week before with Highways Agency officials and MP Neil Parish, he said: "The Highways Agency stated they went away (after the July meeting) with every desire to deliver a traffic light-controlled junction."

"Further traffic surveys were taken and modelled against what could be delivered."

"It is to be regretted that they cannot recommend a traffic light-controlled junction for a number of reasons."

Three reasons were given: a lack of land to create two lanes in each direction; even with two lanes, there would be backlogs of traffic up to a quarter of a mile in length; the fact that A35 junctions with Crewkerne and Lyme roads are not opposite each other, which would make traffic light sequences excessively long and frustrating.

Mr Walden added: "The Highways Agency proposal is very much as before, with vehicle-activated signs warning when vehicles are wishing to exit out of either of the side roads, along with an extra refuge and better road markings."

"Those present also asked the Highways Agency to discuss with Devon County Council the possibility of taking up the offer of land in the Lyme road to make this two lanes approaching the junction so that left turning traffic could exit more easily."

"A similar approach should also be taken on the Crewkerne road exit."

The possibility of moving the bus stop further down the Lyme road and making it a 'Stop' rather than 'Give Way' junction will also be explored.

Mr Walden concluded: "Thought should also be given to a puffin crossing, possibly near the post office, as this would cause a natural break in the traffic flow."

"It was not felt appropriate to hold a public meeting until The Highways Agency has discussed our proposals with Devon County Council."

OTTERY ST MARY

# Bank closure will hit high street hard

**BUSINESS** leaders in Ottery St Mary have expressed their concern that town centre trade will be hit hard when a major bank closes its local branch next year.

NatWest says it has taken the "difficult decision" to close its branch in Silver Street.

From March next year, customers will be forced to look elsewhere for important banking services and cash withdrawals.

Now senior councillors and business leaders have spoken of their fear that the town centre will suffer as a result.

John Campion, chairman of the town's chamber of commerce, said it was important for Ottery that, whatever happens to the building, it offers some support to the high street.

"We will wait until after Christmas to see what plans NatWest have for the building. But we do have real concerns about the impact this decision could have on the high street," he said.

"If you start reducing the number of banks then people will not want to come into Ottery - and clearly this will have an impact on the town. It goes without saying that losing a key facility like this is worrying. You start to wonder, what is going to be next?"

EAST DEVON

# New plan rules will see cut in funding

**CHANGES** to Government planning guidelines will result in a "significant loss" of funding towards community infrastructure in Sidmouth, Honiton, Seaton and Exmouth, it has been revealed.

Council bosses have warned that there will be less money available for improving open spaces, sports areas and play facilities in the town, under the new rules.

Housing developers are required to make financial contributions to support community infrastructure, in line with new homes they build.

But East Devon District Council will no longer be able to collect the cash from developments of fewer than ten homes in Sidmouth, Honiton, Seaton and Exmouth. Developments of fewer than six homes will be effected elsewhere in East Devon. The council is also warning that the new rules will reduce funding for education upgrades across the district.

The Government plans are designed to encourage developers to build new homes, by reducing the financial burden attached to small-scale estates. But planning bosses at the district council say they fought against the new guidelines.

Councillor Helen Parr, chairman of EDDC's development management committee, said: "We expect this change to result in a significant loss of funding for infrastructure in our communities."

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## Community funding faces cut under planning rules

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Sidmouth, Seaton and Exmouth are also affected by the changes, with developments of fewer than six homes free of contributions elsewhere in East Devon.

The council is also warning that the new rules will reduce funding for education upgrades across the district. The government plans are designed to encourage developers to build new homes, by reducing the financial burden attached to small-scale estates.

But planning bosses at the district council say they fought against the new guidelines.

Councillor Helen Parr, chairman of EDDC's development management committee, said: "We expect this change to result in a significant loss of funding for infrastructure in our communities while developments that place extra demands on infrastructure will continue to be built.

"Unfortunately there is very little we can do about this change since the strong objections that we voiced during the consultation on this matter have not been heeded."

Council planning officers are already working to remove the financial requirements on all relevant planning applications currently going through the system.

A council spokesperson said

changes may need to be made to the draft Local Plan for the area, currently under examination by a government inspector.

"The changes will have some impact on East Devon's draft Local Plan because the council had proposed that all new residential developments should contribute towards the provision of affordable housing through a policy in the new plan," the spokesperson said.

"The same six or ten-home trigger points just announced also apply to affordable housing and so this approach will no longer be possible."

## Council grey area exposed

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must also get guidance as far as the money being repaid. How many years do we go back? These are questions we cannot answer."

Town clerk Chetna Jones explained that all councillors were elected members when the legislation was introduced in 2003 and that the initial response to the change had been correct.

Both Councillor John Taylor and Councillor Caroline Kolek argued that, if co-opted members could no longer claim the allowance, steps must be taken to recover any money paid out in error.

Mayor of Honiton, Councillor Peter Halse, said the council should make sure it is not breaking the law and wait for more information before taking further action.

He said: "We have now been told by the clerk and by the district council that we must not pay the allowances in future, so that is what we are doing. I would suggest that we leave the rest of it until we can get more information."

"From that information may well come a request that we do a proper report to find out what has happened."

He added: "This is not just a matter for Honiton Town Council - it applies to councils all over the country."

"I would suggest that we defer it, for a period of three months, to see if we get any more information. I do believe we are not doing any harm by doing that, and also we are not wasting taxpayers' money."

## Supermarket offered 'sand'

TOWN councillors have welcomed new plans for the district council to relocate to Honiton, **writes JACK DIXON.**

Local members, who have been prominent among those calling for the district authority to base itself in the town, greeted the announcement with a round of applause at a meeting last week.

East Devon District Council had originally looked to sell on the Heathpark site to fund its recently scrapped relocation to SkyPark.

But the council announced last month that the offer it received to develop the site was "no longer attractive", and that the land would be used as its new headquarters instead.

Reporting the news formally at the meeting, Councillor Phil Twiss, one of Honiton's district representatives, said the supermarket did not live up to its original offer.

He said: "They offered us gold but when we looked in the bag it was just a lot of sand in there."

EDDC is now due to press ahead with a new plan

to split its main offices between Honiton and Exmouth, after ditching controversial proposals to move to SkyPark, on the edge of the district near Exeter.

Councillor Twiss said the bulk of the staff would relocate to the Heathpark site "no later than May 2017".

Councillor Vivienne Ash, a long-term critic of the SkyPark switch, said the announcement was "wonderful news" for Honiton.

Town councillors also pressed both district and county council representatives for action on the Turk's Head junction, which continues to cause congestion at the entrance to the town.

Councillor Twiss said Turk's Head had now become the subject on which he is asked the most questions, and that it would be pushed to the fore.

District councillors are expected to give final approval for the revised relocation plans at a meeting tomorrow (Wednesday).

## Crime drop 'reassuring'

POLICE say they are "reassured" to see crime fall in Honiton by more than a third, according to the force's latest figures, **writes JACK DIXON.**

A total of 22 offences were recorded between November 11th and December 8th, down from 36 over the same period last year.

Among the offences, police logged four cases of common assault and two burglaries, along with three instances of criminal damage and one fraud offence.

PCSO Steve Mingo said: "It is reassuring to see crime drop by just over a third for this period compared to the same time last year. We hope to see this trend continue over the festive period."

Honiton residents are also being advised to protect their Christmas purchases by storing them in a safe spot.

Bob Bunney, Crime Reduction Team Leader for Devon and Cornwall Police, said: "Christmas is a great time of year for thieves and burglars."

"They know that there will be high-value goods in homes and in cars and will look out for any opportunity to capitalise on this."

"People can take precautions to avoid having their new goods stolen by following police advice. We want everyone to have a safe and happy Christmas and prevent and avoid upsetting Christmas burglaries."



# Mole Avon exceeds massive £40,000 fundraising target

STAFF at Mole Avon Trading Limited are delighted to have raised more than £46,000 for local charity Hospiscare.

The money was presented to Glynis Atherton, Hospiscare chief executive, and John Arnold, corporate fundraiser, at Mole Avon's recent annual dinner and dance.

The final total raised for the Mole Avon Ruby Appeal was a massive £46,424.97. This was achieved through a huge range of fundraising events including fashion shows, numerous cake sales and tombolas, bingo and quiz nights,

a craft fair, car boot sales and jumble sales, harvest suppers, a ploughing match, pleasure cruises, a sky dive, ladies and mens walks, a trek across the Sahara desert and many, many more.

The Mole Avon Ruby Appeal was launched last year to celebrate 40 years trading with a target to raise £40,000 for Hospiscare - £1,000 for each year Mole Avon Trading Limited had been in business.

The company chose Hospiscare to support as it is a charity which has touched many members of staff, customers, suppliers and their families alike. Additionally, it is a charity with a perfect geographical fit with Mole Avon's trading area.

Hospiscare needs to raise more than £4million each year to continue to provide its free-of-charge services to people with life-limiting illnesses in Exeter, Mid and East Devon.

"I was thrilled to receive a cheque for the amazing figure of £46,424.97 from Mole Avon," said Mrs Atherton.

"This sum represents two years of fundraising by the company's staff and we are incredibly grateful for their hard work and dedication. The money will buy 1,857 hours of high quality wrap-around care for people who are nearing the end of their lives; but as importantly it buys peace of mind for carers and families and precious time for them to be with loved ones whose symptoms are being managed by experts.

"I think everyone who works for Mole Avon



■ **CHEQUE MATES:** Pictured from left with the cheque are Hospiscare corporate fundraiser John Arnold, Mole Avon chairman John Lee, Hospiscare chief executive Glynis Atherton and Mole Avon chief executive Richard Billson

should be very proud of what they have achieved and I thank them for being so generous."

Mole Avon would like to thank all their staff, friends, family and customers who have supported the company in its Ruby Appeal and helped them raise such a fantastic amount.

Richard Bilson, Mole Avon chief executive, commented: "We are delighted to have not only reached our target, but to have exceeded it by quite a lot. We would not have been able to do this without the hard work and dedication of the staff at all our sites - the three Mole Avon Town & Country Stores, Town & Countrywear, Mole Avon Forecourt and our central administration office.

"We have also had amazing support from our customers, friends and family and suppliers who have been happy to support such a worthy local charity."

Mr Arnold added: "I would like to thank Mole Avon staff at all their branches who have done an amazing job raising this fabulous sum. They've been a dream to work with and just gone ahead and organised a tremendous variety of fundraising events over the last two years with very little input from Hospiscare.

"We are very dependent on support from the local community and partnerships with businesses like Mole Avon ensure we can continue making a difference for over 2,000 patients and their families each year."

# Beauty salon brings Frozen princess to life

MELANIE Brown's hair and beauty salon in Axminster recently sponsored a local charity event by recreating the hair and makeup of Disney princess Elsa from the hit film "Frozen".

Staff offered their time for free to transform Axminster resident Jenna Wellman, a sales executive at *Pulman's View From* newspapers, into Princess Elsa for the Great Lyme Regis Christmas Pudding Race in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Senior stylist Fiona recreated the distinctive, plaited Elsa hairstyle while beauty therapist Megan created an authentic Disney look with makeup. Both girls said they enjoyed the challenge and would like to congratulate Jenna on her involvement on the day.

Jenna appeared as Princess Elsa at the event in Lyme Regis alongside Hawkchurch resident Hayley Saunders, a designer at *Pulman's View From* newspapers, who played Princess Anna. More than 100 children lined up to meet them and both later took part in the Christmas-themed obstacle race on the seafront as part of a *Pulman's View From* team.



## Mayor unveils new look at care home

■ **MAYOR** of Axminster, Councilor Jeremy Walden, was invited to formally unveil the refurbishment of residential care home Magnolia House in Axminster.

The event was held on Wednesday, December 3rd and a spokesperson for the care home said: "Residents have spoken of such a transformation. The residents and their families were greeted with a wine and cheese buffet.

"The afternoon was a great success with everyone having a lovely time and in such terrific settings.

"Thank you to all who came and to the Mayor of Axminster."

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## Don't miss festive country market

STALLHOLDERS will be adding a touch of Christmas sparkle to their displays next week, when the Honiton Country Market returns for its festive event at Mackarness Hall.

The Christmas market takes place next Tuesday (December 23rd) between 9:30am and 12noon, in addition to the regular Friday markets.

Organiser Wendy Wayne said: "This is very much a part of the local, sustainable and seasonal trend we are seeing so much of today – but we have been doing it for decades!"

## Car park problems

TOWN councillors have urged district representatives to act on a string of concerns regarding Lace Walk car park.

Councillor Les Lunt said the white dividing lines needed repainting and that motorists were "frightened" to stop in the Dowell Street car park in the meantime because they feared receiving a ticket.

Other issues were raised regarding the possibility of a pedestrian walking route across the car park from Iceland to the Tourist Information Centre, and the removal of the one-way barrier, described by Councillor Peter Halse as a "tyre-slashing machine".

## Roof tiles callout

FIREFIGHTERS were called to remove unsafe roof tiles in Honiton High Street.

Police asked the firefighters to attend at about 12:45pm on Sunday, December 7th.

A spokesperson for the fire and rescue service said: "The crews removed some asphalt sheets from a roof using a 10.5 metre ladder, a roof ladder and safety at height equipment."

# Lin celebrates double victory at cattle show

IT WAS a double celebration for Lin Pidsley from Honiton at the 33rd Exeter and District Christmas Show.

Lin, of Upton Ley Farm, Honiton, took the championship with her three-quarter bred Limousin steer Willnant Firecracker and the sheep championship with a pair of spring-born lambs, a Blue Texel and Texel.

Lin has had a very successful season, winning championships at a number of major South West shows, including the Royal Cornwall, Honiton, Mid Devon, Okehampton and Holsworthy, with her show team.

Willnant Firecracker stood second to the reserve champion at Beef South West, was second in his class at the English Winter Fair, first and Champion Limousin steer at the Welsh Winter Fair before returning to Exeter to take the overall championship.

Willnant Firecracker weighed in at 580kilo and was sold by auctioneers Kivells and Husseys at Exeter Livestock Centre to Darts Farm Master Butchers of Darts Farm, Topsham, at 410p/kilo.

Philip David of Darts Farm Master Butchers was the sheep judge and he also went on to purchase the prizewinning lambs, which had a combined weight of 84kilo.

Cattle judge was Ros Withers of Probus, Truro and other judges were Mr J Laramy (stirks), Mr M Tooze (calves), Mr T Yandell (store sheep) and Mr R Phillips (pigs).

Awards were presented by Rachel Marshall of sponsors, Santander. Lin, who recently started a new outside catering business, LAP Food and Bars, also took the reserve sheep championship.

Lin shared her success with her fiancé, Paul Calcraft, and also thanked her family for their support: her father Michael, mum Judith and brother David.

A delighted Lin said that selling Firecracker was a bitter-sweet time, having spent so much time and energy producing and showing the steer.

She added: "I have won the show championship on three out of the previous four years and was reserve last year."

Lin continued: "Showing is a huge passion of mine and getting results like we have achieved this season really does make all the hard work worth it."

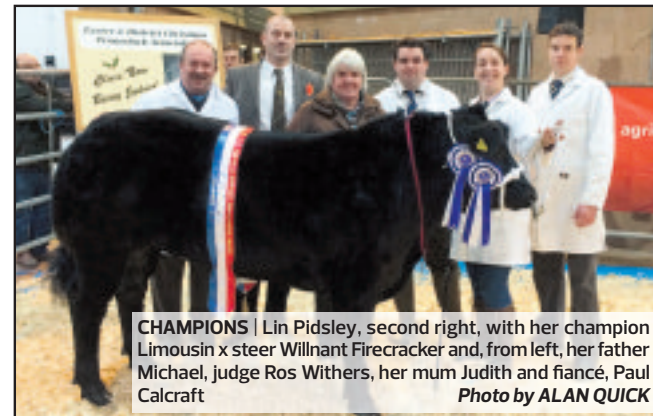
It is believed Lin has made show history as there are no records of anyone winning both championships in the same year before.

The reserve cattle championship went to Mark and Anita Saunders of Bolham Farm, Hemyock, with Limousin x heifer Rough Diamond, who has also achieved noted success at many re-

cent shows. The show president is Andrew Down, chairman is John Quick and secretary is Katie Rice. Mr Down thanked all the sponsors for their support for the show.

He said: "It is good to see Exeter Livestock Centre expanding with increasing numbers of animals each week in all sections achieving high prices for quality animals bred and fed in the South West."

Kivells and Husseys, the market auctioneers, reported a fantastic day with a great line-up of cattle and good entry of sheep.



**CHAMPIONS** | Lin Pidsley, second right, with her champion Limousin x steer Willnant Firecracker and, from left, her father Michael, judge Ros Withers, her mum Judith and fiancé, Paul Calcraft  
*Photo by ALAN QUICK*



**CHEQUE MATES** | Honiton's senior citizens will be tucking into their Christmas dinner a week early, courtesy of generous local fundraisers. Members of the Lions club have teamed up with Honiton Community College to stage the festive celebration for some of the town's longest serving residents. Lions Ed Pescud (left) and Bill King (right) were on hand to present a cheque for £100 to the college's finance director Gary Wills last week. The money has been put towards the food and drinks for the annual event, which takes place at the college tomorrow lunchtime (Wednesday).

■ STAFF at Lloyds made a generous contribution of £100 towards the Alzheimer's Society last week, after holding a successful coffee morning at the High Street branch.

Members of the team chipped in by donating directly to the collection, as well as selling homemade cakes to boost the fundraising pot.

Volunteers from Honiton Memory Café and the Honiton Dementia Action Alliance were also on hand to give out leaflets and advice to those whose illness leads to difficulties with managing money.

Pictured are volunteers Min Rennolds and Heather Penwarden.

For more information about joining the alliance or becoming a volunteer, contact Mrs

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## Bank's coffee morning gives charity boost



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# Open all hours restaurant to replace pub?

ONE of Honiton's oldest pubs is set to be replaced by a 24-hour restaurant, staffed by a religious community based in Dunkeswell.

The 'Twelve Tribes' community has applied to convert the former Red Cow pub into a 'Yellow Deli' restaurant, offering food, drink and hospitality at all hours.

If approved by district planners,

by Jack Dixon  
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the 400-year-old building will be renovated and extended to serve up to 125 people.

The 'Yellow Deli' is a community-run collective of restaurants, with outlets currently in North America and Australia.

Manned by volunteers from the 'Twelve Tribes' community, the café would offer "wholesome food and a warm, rustic atmosphere" for customers.

The group proposes to serve "well-priced" hot sandwiches, salads, soups and desserts, as well as hot and cold drinks.

But the restaurant would be al-

cohol-free and closed during the busy evening hours on Fridays and Saturdays.

In the application, a spokesperson for the group says: "It is our intention to run a 24-hour basis from Sunday 12noon to Friday 3pm, including public holidays.

"We want to be there for people. We want the flexibility to be available to serve the people who work late or work at night, including hospital staff and emergency services, lonely people, even farmers and people travelling through town late in the night. We want to provide somewhere for these people to go."

The 'Twelve Tribes' community is based at Stentwood Farm in Dunkeswell and describes itself as a residential religious community that believes in taking care of others.

The spokesperson added: "The need for opening during these hours is to provide a service for the wider community, and a place for people to find company, like the neighbour who keeps his light on and his door always open.

"Located on the east most boundary of the town centre shopping area, the Yellow Deli marks the gateway into Honiton.

"It is our aspiration to enhance this entry to the town, with a welcoming shop front, spot-lit signage and floral window baskets."

Members of Honiton Town Council's planning committee showed their support for the proposals at a meeting last week.

Deputy Mayor Councillor John Zarczynski, chairman of the committee, said: "It looks as though it will be there to provide some sort of shelter to travellers or people

sleeping rough - if you want a cup of coffee at 3am they will be there to provide it.

"We have got people who are literally walking the streets. As far as the town is concerned, if it provides some sort of shelter for those people, I would be all for it. I personally feel that it is a good use of the building."

The 'Twelve Tribes' community says the service would be valuable to shift workers and policemen on patrol late at night.

It also claims noise disturbance will be reduced for nearby residents, offering customers of the town's drinking establishments an alternative place to go at closing time.

Planning bosses at East Devon District Council will make a decision on whether to approve the application or not.

## Band provides Christmas cheer



■ HONITON Band added to the atmosphere in Honiton town centre by playing Christmas music. Band members gathered on market day - Tuesday, December 9th - to entertain shoppers throughout the morning in and around Lace Walk



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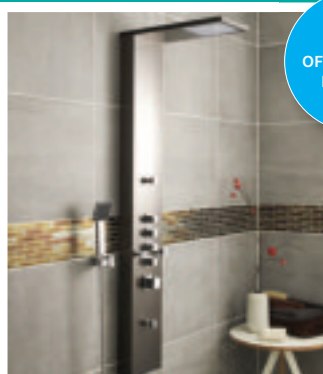
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# Supermarket collection raises £800 for Beer Scouts' hut

WITH the winter weather having arrived, 1st Beer Scouts & Axe Air Explorers will be delighted to hear that the fund to refurbish their hut has been given a huge boost.

Customers at the Tesco store in Seaton generously handed over £800 in thanks for the Scouts helping out with bag packing last weekend.

The money will go towards the extensive refurbishment project which so far has seen the removal of the asbestos cladding and insulation of three-quarters of the outside. New radiators have also been donated and installed but as yet the Scouts are still awaiting a new

boiler to power them.

"The money from Tesco customers will help considerably by getting the boiler," said Fiona Gage, Axe Air Explorers Leader and Scout Leader.

The hut was saved from sale in 2005 and while it has received the odd lick of paint and clean-up was in urgent need of an overhaul to bring the facilities into the 21st century for the 80 young people who use it every week.

Anyone who can help further with the fund or working with the youngsters should call Group Scout Leader Nigel Groves on 01297 21159 or pop into Beer Post Office for a chat.



■ FRIENDS, families and customers of PJ's Bar in Seaton were all treated to a variety show by the 1st & 2nd Seaton Brownies on Sunday. They were treated to songs, piano recital, story telling and a selection of carols. Organised by Linda Carter, the Leader of the 2nd Seaton Brownies, the show included a raffle to raise funds for the Brownies

Words & photo by IAN BARRADALE

CLOSE to 100 Seaton youngsters were given a real Christmas treat thanks to funding from Seaton Mayor's Fund and the generosity of Pecorama in Beer, writes KEVIN FAHEY.

The package meant that a large group from Seaton Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, representing all ages from five to 14, spent two hours at the popular Indoor Play Station to celebrate their Christmas party.

"It is the first time we have held a Christmas party and one of the parents of one of our Cubs works here and helped to get us access in the evening and we also got some money from the Seaton Mayor's Fund," said Fran Clayton, who is a leader at Seaton Cubs & Scouts.

"The children have done a lot of good work in the community over the year so this is a great opportunity for them to let down their hair and have a good time.

"It is also a nice chance for all us leaders to meet up and have a chat because we aren't able to do that very often."

● The Play Station and Buffet at Pecorama is now open daily 11am to 4:30pm (with the exception of Dec 24th, 25th, 26th & Jan 1st). For further details see the website at [www.pecorama.info](http://www.pecorama.info)

## Seaton Scouts Christmas party treat



PARTY FUN | The group with leader Fran Clayton at the rear

## The Grinch on stage

ON STAGE | Ben Hayes (aged 10) who starred as the Grinch and was supported by (left to right) Grace MacLennan (8), Violet Tuckley (9), Peter Johns (9) Euan Hartnell (10), Briana Barrand (10), and Tilly Robins (10 – in the front)

SEATON Library staged a mini-production of The Grinch Who Stole Christmas as part of the town's Christmas Festival on December 5th.

Playing to two packed houses, Briana, Euan, Peter and Tilly ably narrated the story of the miserable Grinch who tried to stop Christmas in Whoville.

Fortunately, the Grinch and his dog, Max, (played by Peter) were foiled in their attempts to stop Christmas by the irrepressible Whos (played by Grace, Violet and Tilly).

Ben Hayes gave a star turn as The Grinch, showcasing his developing acting talent – one to watch out for in the future!

The young thespians are all regular visitors to Seaton Library and all attend Seaton Primary School.

The mini-production was adapted from the original Dr Seuss children's book by Seaton Library's first assistant, Skevoulla Hambi-Hilder, who also directed the children.

# Don't miss the Christmas Farmers Market

SEATON Christmas Farmers Market takes place on Friday, December 19th in the Town Hall from 9am to 1pm.

It's your last chance to buy delicious local produce in time for the festive break and shop for special gifts.

A wide selection of speciality local food will be available,

including cheese, meat, poultry, game, cakes, preserves and biscuits.

You will also be able to purchase gifts including wood-turned items, framed pictures, cake/sweet stands, flowers and beautiful indoor plant arrangements.

All purchases will qualify

for entry into the raffle to win a selection of items donated by the stallholders.

Refreshments will be available including tea, coffee, cakes, a chat and a great shop.

Organisers are still looking for more stallholders for markets next year, espe-

cially vegetables, deli, bread and fish.

Call Mark on 01297 24931 or Ian on 01404 831310 for details.

The market will return in the New Year – dates for 2015 already confirmed are January 16th, February 20th and March 20th.



# Seaton man sets new NZ Great Walks ultra record

AFTER nine gruelling days of aching muscles, mental fatigue and sleep deprivation, Patrick Kinsella from Seaton, along with teammates fellow Brit Ben Southall and Australian Luke Edwards – a/k/a The Global Adventurers – have completed a world-record setting challenge of running the Great Walks of New Zealand back-to-back.

The goal of completing the Great Walks in nine days – the equivalent of running nine and a half marathons back-to-back – was achieved with just 40 minutes to spare, although, as with every adventure in nature's extremes, not everything went to plan.

Extended drive times led to the boys having to run through the night on the 78.4km Heaphy Track, in turn pushing back the start of the Wanganui river paddle, where water levels were too high to safely kayak through night, forcing the difficult decision to leave the river before the full completion of the 145km.

These challenges pushed the boys perilously

close to the brink, necessitating the superhuman effort of back-to-back ultra-marathons on the final day.

The three runners completed the Tongariro Northern Circuit (43km) and immediately took a helicopter to the start of the Lake Waikaremoana Track (46km), where they raced against the ticking clock to finish their 400-kilometre running mission in nine days, 23 hours and 20 minutes.

While disappointed that they were unable to paddle the full length of the Wanganui River Journey, the boys have set a new speed record for the completion of New Zealand's GW-listed walking tracks.

Throughout the expedition a film crew followed the team, making a documentary to be aired early next year. Day-by-day videos of the adventure can be viewed on the Global Adventurers website – [www.theglobaladventurers.com](http://www.theglobaladventurers.com)

Follow the adventures of local East Devon-based adventurer, Patrick Kinsella, on Twitter: @paddy\_kinsella



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# Guys and Dolls at The Gateway



COLYTON Grammar School students recently performed their version of classic musical 'Guys and Dolls' at The Gateway in Seaton Town Hall.

The show, which ran over three nights in early December, was directed and stage-managed by head of drama Suzi Brownley, together with Year 13 students Freya Bramble and Sasha Colwill, as part of their AQA Baccalaureate Extended Project.

David House, director of music at Colyton, co-ordinated the music and the band.

Students from many year groups were involved in the production, which included music and lyrics by Frank Loesser and was based on the writings of Damon Runyon, reflecting a New York of gamblers, small time crooks and habitués of Broadway and Brooklyn.

After sell-outs on all three nights, Mrs Brownley commented: "Being part of Guys and Dolls was a fabulous experience and I hope that everyone involved, and everyone who came to see it, enjoyed it as much as I did."

Headteacher Paul Evans added: "This was a brilliant achievement and I very much hope that working closely with Seaton Gateway will become a regular event for us."

*By student reporter Alex French*



## Colyton student named Young Geographer of the Year

**■ AWARD WINNER:** Victoria pictured outside the Royal Albert Hall (far left) with the other entrants in her age category and writer, broadcaster and geographer Nicholas Crane, who presented the awards

YEAR 11 Colyton Grammar School student Victoria Synek-Herd recently won the prestigious Young Geographer of the Year Competition in the 14-16 years (Key Stage 4) category, from a national entry of over 700 hundred entrants.

The competition, run by the Royal Geographical Society posed the question "how can geography help me?" Students were asked to present their responses in the form of an A3 poster.

Victoria, aged 15, who entered the competition as a homework assignment, focused her answer on how geography could help her with understanding current affairs, poverty and both physical and human elements of her local environment.

Victoria, from Seaton, collected her award at the Royal Geographical So-

ciety Headquarters in Kensington, London. The competition will be featured in the January edition of the "Geographical" magazine.

Commenting on her win, Victoria said: "I'm thrilled to have won because I really didn't expect to and I was so excited to go up to London."

Steve Brace, head of education at the Royal Geographical Society, added: "The society congratulates Victoria on her deserved award. We were delighted with the quality of entries this year, and were particularly impressed to see our young geographers demonstrating the relevance of geography to many aspects of their lives, be it at the local or global scale."

*By student reporter Zoe Kuyken*

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# Axminster Army veteran invited to Buckingham Palace reception



■ ROYAL INVITE: Lyndon Chatting-Walters

AXMINSTER man Lyndon Chatting-Walters was invited to attend a reception at Buckingham Palace hosted by The Duke of Cambridge and Prince Harry. The reception was held on Thursday, November 6th to recognise those involved in the medical care, recovery and rehabilitation of those injured in the Armed Forces.

Lyndon was badly injured by an improvised explosive device in July in 2008 in Afghanistan at the age of 18 when blown 60ft into a Taliban ambush position from his position as top gun cover in a vehicle. He returned to the front line in 2010, but was medically discharged from the Army in 2013 because of his original injuries.

His mother Sharon said: "He is currently living in Leeds with his girlfriend, Suzanne, and has been working in various different environments including the Rehabilitation Centre at Battle Back.

"The Battle Back Centre is funded by the Royal British Legion and provides sports and adventurous activities for wounded, injured and sick Service men and women from all three services.

"Lyndon has also recently qualified as a WW1 Battlefield Tour Guide."

*Pulman's View* readers may recall that May Lyndon was also part of a team climbing Mount Cotopaxi in Ecuador earlier this year to help raise funds for the Royal British Legion.

## Man airlifted to hospital after farm accident

A MAN was airlifted to hospital with back and neck injuries after an incident at a farm in Membury, near Axminster.

The ambulance service was called at 10.50am on Thursday, November 27th, and the air ambulance was requested.

Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance sent a heli-

copter, and a spokesperson said: "We airlifted the patient to Southmead Hospital, Bristol, after weather hindered us going to Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton. It was an adult male patient."

The spokesperson could not give further details but it is understood that the incident involved a lorry, possibly the ramp of the vehicle.

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# Police crack down on rural crime

AXMINSTER Police Station was one of the hubs when police carried out a joint five-force overnight rural patrol.

A team of 150 special constables from Devon and Cornwall Police, Dorset Police, Wiltshire Police, Avon and Somerset Police and Hampshire Constabulary patrolled 1,800 square miles of rural area overnight between Friday, December 5th and Saturday, December 6th.

Deemed a high-visibility operation, the aim was to prevent offending and disrupt criminals in response to an expected seasonal increase in rural crime against commercial buildings as well as dwellings. Twenty-one special constables and four regular officers started their patrols from Axminster Police Station, covering the Devon, Dorset and Somerset border areas.

The Devon and Cornwall Police and Dorset Police operation as a whole resulted in 127 stopchecks of vehicles/persons resulting in,



■ ON THE LOOK OUT: Pictured right, special constables Sam Lewis and Dan Marillier were part of the Axminster-based operation

among others, two arrests, nine traffic offences and more than 25 verbal warnings for various offences. Officers also assisted at the scenes of two road traffic accidents.

## Don't fall behind on rent payments this Christmas

ALTHOUGH Christmas is a time of celebration, it can also be one of the toughest times of year with bills piling up and rent payments falling into arrears.

East Devon District Council can help ease the burden by offering not only free debt advice, but also practical assistance, such as discretionary housing payments, to tenants having difficulty paying their rent.

Councillor Jill Elson, cabinet member for sustainable homes and communities, said: "It is vital that tenants don't ignore their financial problems and try not to panic. They should come and talk to us as soon as they think they might not be able to pay their rent.

"We can check whether they are entitled to apply for a discretionary housing payment, which offers short term assistance while a financial solution is found to their problems.

"We can offer assistance in other ways, too, from filling in forms to guidance on how they can manage their money."

The council's specialist team can be contacted on 01395 517459 or by email via [benefits@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@eastdevon.gov.uk)

A discretionary housing payment (DHP) is a short-term solution for tenants who have been affected by housing benefit changes. It is an extra payment that can be given if a tenant's housing benefit is less than the full amount of their rent. EDCC only has a limited amount of money to give away and payments can only be made to tenants who are entitled to housing benefit.

**When can't a DHP be made?**

- For service charges not covered by housing benefit
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# Everyone who wants to stand for council should have the chance

■ UNFORTUNATELY, due to family and work reasons, I will resigning from Seaton Town Council in the very near future.

I deeply regret having to do so but the practicality of life has forced into this decision and I have to move away from Seaton. My time on the council has been all too short but one I have enjoyed the honour of doing since I was elected by the very wise people of Seaton.

In that short time, I feel the council has changed very much for the better. When I came (along with Tony Woodman) to sit around the table I remember the residents of Seaton were very critical of the in-fighting that seemed to take place on a weekly basis within the council. Although, like in any council, there are still disagreements of one kind or another there seems to be more harmony within our ranks.

It's not a love-in but it's a lot better. This has nothing to do with my inclusion on the council, more to do with the determination of the council to sort the problem out.

The only criticism I have of the council is a criticism I have for most town councils all over the country, and also district and county councils, and that is the makeup of the councils doesn't truly represent their residents. Why? In the case of district and county council it's because of the simple fact the only people who can easily regularly attend meetings during the working day or late into the evening are people who don't work, or people who can have a flexible working day, like some self-employed.

For all councils, including town councils, one problem they all have is the work load. On top of a 40 hour week it is difficult having the time to do the job of being a councillor properly and have a partially normal family life. As a town councillor I would often have to rush home from work, have something to eat, make myself look decent and rush down to a meeting. Every evening I would check my e-mails and see if there was anything I had to deal with there and then.

If there was any meetings in the following week I would prepare for the meeting at the weekend before by reading agendas and maybe do investigation into

what was on them. Early in my tenure I also used some of my annual leave for meetings during the day.

Our council has improved tremendously since recruiting the new town clerk, Christopher Drake (I must add here that he has Marie Prideaux and Becki Davey working hard by his side), and my workload reduced substantially since he has started, but it is still a problem that even they cannot eradicate completely.

I wasn't the most active of councillors either, so if you are a working person who wants to make a real difference it would require a great sacrifice by you and your family. The result of these problems is that the majority of people on the town, district and county councils are made up largely, but not exclusively, of retirees and some business people. No or very few factory workers, single mothers or fathers, middle-aged working men or women or young people.

It is a problem because it is reflected in the decisions made no matter how hard councils try to be representative and impartial. I know the retired have been young once or working or any of the different groups that make up society but the trials and tribulations they would have encountered change with time and, in my opinion, the very fact that some councillors don't recognise this is a problem is evidence of how out of touch some have become.

The fault is not with the councils, they do not make the rules when it comes to democracy and I know the people I have worked with in Seaton really do have the town at heart when they make decisions.

I believe the answer is for central government to facilitate a way that enables people other than the retired to be on local councils at all levels. One idea may be to compensate employers for the time an employee has to have off to attend meetings so that the employee still gets full pay from the employer. There must be a multitude of ways it could be done for someone who has a family to support or just normal living expenses that need to be paid.

Although I included the self-employed in the first part of this criticism, they too sometimes cannot find free time for council. The important thing is that everyone who would like to be a councillor has the

chance. After all, there is a lot of untapped political talent almost certainly out there that would help not only local government but national as well.

In these times when many voters are disillusioned with the establishment, seeing them as out of touch and non-representative, making some of them feel their only option to vote for populist parties, it is time to help bring politics back to the people by making a way for other sectors of society, like single mothers, factory workers, etc. to become councillors. Maybe link these changes with the hopeful devolution of powers away from London to the regions such as the South West.

Anyway, that's me off my soapbox (at least in council) and the only negative thing I have to say about local politics. Otherwise, I want to say thank you to the councillors who welcomed me and my slightly different views and who actually do a good job with little or no reward or thanks. And thank you to Seaton for having me, albeit for too short a time. I really did think that this was it, I was here for life. Now they will have to find another token lefty!

**COUNCILLOR STEVE WILLIAMS,**  
*Seaton Town Council*

## Fight, fight, fight against hospital proposals!

■ THERE was a report recently published that said hundreds of thousands of elderly patients are being released from hospitals to their homes without care and many are having to be re-admitted to hospital, taking up much needed beds for urgent patients operations.

The right place for some of these patients is in a community hospital where they can be nursed back to full health and then returned home. I do hope our cash-strapped quango of GPs has seen this report and will think again about closing the beds and minor injuries units in one of East Devon's most modern hospitals with plenty of

room for expansion, unlike rivals.

We all have a duty to fight for the very future of our hospital, for which many of us have paid towards. Ottery St Mary and district residents - fight, fight and fight again against this cash-strapped unelected quango of GPs' proposals. Those beds are needed and we may need them one day!

One final thought, I do wish our local MP would break his silence. Hugo, are you there? Watch out on May 7th 2015!

**TONY RUSSELL,**  
*West Hill, Ottery St Mary*

## Hassle free Christmas thanks to local shops

■ CONGRATULATIONS on your most colourful presentation in your issue of November 26th of the Christmas in Colyton, Honiton, Beer and particularly Seaton features.

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to the big, crowded cities when we have so much to offer, this of the cost of petrol and car parking.

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**CONNIE WELLINGTON,**  
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## Building in public gardens will destroy character of Knowle park

■ IN a recent press release (December 3rd) East Devon District Council claims that "existing parkland at Knowle, Sidmouth, will be retained for public use".

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What is more, this public open space includes the very best of Knowle's gardens - the lawned terraces with their magnificent prospect. Building there and down to the south west will destroy the character of the rest of a park which is bracketed for quality with Killerton in EDDC's own open space study.

In addition, EDDC is now challenging, at public expense, the inspector's decision that the public have rights of way into the park from its most-used northern entrance. The aerial photograph right will help make the above clear.

**MICHAEL TEMPLE,**  
Knowle Drive, Sidmouth



## Excellent healthcare facilities in Seaton

■ IN June I had to move my parents to Seaton from Hertfordshire as my mother became very ill.

I cannot praise the health care in Seaton enough. The doctors, nurses and carers have been fantastic with nothing being too much trouble.

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treatment to see that all is going well - unheard of in Hertfordshire where you are lucky to see a doctor.

I want to say a huge thank you and pray that that someone in authority see the sense in keeping these wonderful services in place.

**SANDRA ANDERSON,**  
Seaton

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## Ottery in danger of over-development

■ IT is plain to see that Ottery St Mary is in danger of over-development.

The remark about the surgery not being full when visited is nonsensical, as it currently operated via an appointment system and not based on people just arriving.

The traffic pollution has severely increased through

the town centre and passenger use age of the local buses increased although the level of service is still poor leading to overcrowding on reaching Cranbrook. This is all very apparent to the locals who have resided in Ottery for a number of years.

**JOHN CHILDS,**  
Ottery St Mary

## Royal British Legion burglary disgraceful but not surprising

■ AS you report it is indeed "disgraceful" that the former Royal British Legion club has been burgled (December 9th) but sadly, it is hardly surprising.

When the Royal British Legion in London suddenly closed the Honiton RBL club they told members it was to "realise their assets". The needs of local members and the fact that 40 or so local bodies were using the club seemed irrelevant to the gentleman from their estates department.

Three years later, the club has still not been dis-

posed of and the asset is becoming an eyesore. Not only is it deteriorating but as Mayor of Honiton, Councillor Peter Halse, warned "buildings that are left vacant can be vulnerable to this sort of thing", especially when unguarded and on the edge of Honiton.

This must also affect insurance and is not good for the local neighbourhood. One hopes the owners will take the actions they informed locals were urgently needed three years ago.

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## Public expectation on services is too high

■ AIM for perfection. That is fine, providing that due allowance is made for human imperfection in all its forms.

Unfortunately, this is not usually the case today in some key areas of life, such as education, the health services and the police. The media and compensation-led demand for perfection means that public expectations are so high they are impossible to fulfill, particularly if there is a shortage of resources and staff.

The effect on many conscientious and capable teachers, doctors, nurses and police officers is a lowering morale and an ongoing sense of failure. No matter how hard they work and however efficient they are, there is the drip, drip of constant public criticism

and nit-picking.

Some targets are, of course, necessary but are probably in most cases better and more realistic if set by the professionals themselves. It is obviously right that any wrongdoing and incompetence should be brought to account, and improvements made when needs are identified.

As members of the general public, may we be more understanding and less critical when impossibly high standards are not reached. If we continue to demand perfection, we run the risk of losing or deterring many excellent and hard-working men and women from these professions.

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## Women's Institutes ROUND UP

### ALL SAINTS

IT was a busy week for All Saints & District WI who celebrated their Christmas party with great fun, good food, some serious competition in the games and exercise of the vocal cords with some Christmas songs.

This was followed by the group's annual concert the next day with music from Lyme Regis Town Band, including amazing soloists, hilarious readings, a poignant poem and a great audience, which added up to a most enjoyable evening.

The ladies would like to all who gave up their time to organise, help and participate events during this time of year and wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

The next meeting of the All Saints & District WI is on Tuesday, January 13th at 2.30pm in All Saints Village Hall. Visitors and new members are very welcome.

### HONITON EVENING

AN extra-special meeting took place when 20 members of Honiton Evening WI were treated to a coach outing to Complete Meats in Axminster.

The evening was hosted by owner Shaun Vining who welcomed everyone and briefly explained the journey of meat, through the processing plant from delivery by suppliers at one door to despatch to customers from another.

Then followed the fun bit when five members were given white coats and caps and steered by Shaun through the production of Complete Meats' own pork chipolata sausages. No one left empty handed when Shaun generously told members to share the result of their sausage-making efforts.

Another activity in November for some members was a trip to Torquay to see "White Christmas" the musical. In December, the Christmas meal will be at the White Horse Inn, Woodbury Salterton. Also, several members will be going to one of National Trust Killerton's evening meals, and those members who enjoy walking have planned three outings, one of which will be a pre-New Year visit to Exmouth beach, dogs included, to be followed by a meal nearby.

As far as participation in Devon WI's events was concerned, arrangements were finalised for the coach

outing to Salisbury's Christmas market, as well as meeting for a meal in Exeter prior to the annual carol service at the cathedral in early December.

### KILMINGTON

KILMINGTON WI members heard that their new county headquarters was to be at Cyst Honiton, which will be easier for many in the east of the county.

Very sadly, members were told that Uplyme WI is to be suspended as they are unable to form a committee. Members sincerely hope this will only be a temporary measure and the group will soon be up and running again.

The speaker for the evening was Christopher Stevens who spoke about Victorian Christmases. He divided his talk into four sections starting with cards, the first of which was commissioned by Sir Henry Cole in 1843. Mr Stevens brought lots of examples of Victorian cards with him and showed members samplers and pictures with a Christmas theme.

When it came to books he brought several, including one which he handed to Christine to hold and said it might have been held by Disraeli! He played several examples of Christmas music from the period. The highlight of the evening was a candlelit reading of "Billy's Rose" by George R. Sims, which was a real tear-jerker. Mary thanked Mr Stevens for his enjoyable talk.

The competition was won by Barbara who also won the flower of the month, with Joy coming second. Names were taken for those wishing to enter the county quiz at Offwell in February. The National Federation resolutions were read out and members will decide next month which to put forward for consideration at the AGM at the Albert Hall in June.

The next meeting in January is entitled "Health and Exercise" and the competition is for a recipe for a healthy energy drink, 7pm in the village hall.

### MUSBURY & WHITFORD

THE December meeting of Musbury and Whitford WI was held on the 9th at Whitford Village Hall. Marnie greeted members and guests to the Christmas party, apologies were taken and birthday posies given.

A tiny amount of business was discussed and members are reminded to bring their subs - a cheque for

£36 and £17 for dual members in an envelope, plus voting forms from W.I. Life for the resolutions to the next meeting.

Christmas celebrations then began with a quiz which saw one person from each table dressed as a Christmas tree, followed by food made by members and the last of the birthday/Christmas cake.

There was then a parade of the Christmas wands made for the competition with wishes, some of them looked decidedly wonky. Marnie read out a poem that she had written herself and the Christmas Elves handed out the Santa sack gifts.

Mary Andrews gave the vote of thanks and the meeting closed. The next one will be held on Tuesday, January 13th, 7.30pm in Whitford Village Hall. All are welcome.

### AXMOUTH

AXMOUTH WI president Denise Gates welcomed everyone to the Christmas party including representatives from the Beer, Colyford, Colyton, Musbury & Whitford branches.

Deidre Dee, from Sidmouth, entertained the group with songs and illustrations of life how it used to be by the seaside. Members were invited to sing along with well-known songs which were interspersed with stories, ranging from Queen Victoria's bathing machine to trips to Monte Carlo and France.

Deidre reminded members how lucky they were today by showing them pictured of bathing suits from a bygone era. Ladies wore several layers of clothing as well as a corset to bathe in and had to change in bathing machines in case any man should glimpse a bare leg!

The talk was followed by an excellent tea served and enjoyed by everyone before the arrival of the Christmas fair who handed out presents to everyone.

Competition winners for the year were Pat Tresize for Flower of the Month and Lorraine Hipkin for the themed competitions.

Meetings of Axmouth WI are held on the third Tuesday of the month. For further details call Lorraine on 01297 22560.

## Special gift for retiring Poppy Appeal collectors



■ AT a recent event of the Royal British Legion Axminster branch at Cloakham Lawn, hosted by former president John Glanville-Smith, retired Poppy Appeal organisers Yvonne and Keith Taylor were presented with a special print of Lancaster Bombers flying over the Axe Valley en route to Europe - an accurate depiction of a true event that occurred during the Second World War. The Taylors have organised the Poppy Appeal for 10 years and had increased the total collected from Axminster and surrounding villages to £14,000, an increase of almost £10,000. Pictured above are Yvonne Taylor, John Glanville-Smith and Keith Taylor with the framed print. The Legion's Women's Section also donated a poppy cake, beautifully made by a supporter in Exeter.



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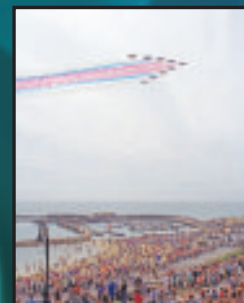
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AS PART of the Fix Axminster Skate Park campaign we are hosting a Vintage Fair on Friday 19th at the Guildhall, Axminster between 7pm-11pm.

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The first Vintage Fair in October was hugely supported and a fantastic evening was enjoyed by all, following the success of the initial event, the organisers have enlisted even more vintage enthusiasts.

There will be many stalls of vintage and handmade items including clothing, handbags and accessories, homewares, jewellery and lots more.

Find that extra special garment or accessory for the party season or treat someone special to a unique gift!

Stalls consist of local crafters and small businesses including: Christmas Decorations, Mel Warren Vintage & Retro, Drew Yapp Photography, Encore, Emy Montero, Marnie's Vintage Clothing,

Marion Miller Gents Vintage clothes, Lyme Antiques, Cornucopia, Mary K Lewis Vintage & Retro bags and accessories, Catherine Ricketts, The Dress Agency Axminster, Dawn Hemsley, Elly Jenison, The Chattel Box Past & Presents, The Old Chapel Antiques & Life Style Centre, Glitter Gems, Emmy Montero (handmade clothes, jewellery) Julie Goodwin (crafts) and Jessica Kielen Granny Rocket Vintage inspired dresses, Custom made in Devon. Jess will also be offering a prize draw to win a custom made dress. There will also be a hair stylist for vintage makeovers.

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You will have the opportunity to learn to Lindy Hop, the original partner swing dance from the 1930's with Lyme Bay Lindy teacher Ian Bruton.

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The bar will be open for refreshments and a cake stand will be in the hall. Wheatfields Bakery & Country Store will be serving mince pies and mulled wine.

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#### NORTHERN DEVON HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY TRUST BOARD MEETING

To discuss consultation on whether to temporarily move inpatient services at Axminster to Seaton.  
Wednesday 7 January 2015 at 09.00am  
Unit 1, Exeter International Office Park, Clyst Honiton,  
Exeter EX5 2HL

Members of the public are welcome to attend

Further information and agenda papers:  
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Contact: Ms G. Garnett-Frizelle on 01271-311830  
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Mrs C. Luxton on 01271-322791  
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Also

#### Consultation meetings

The Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust is holding a series of consultation meetings on the proposal to temporarily move inpatient services at Axminster to Seaton

Axminster Hospital

Monday 22 December 2-4pm | Monday 29 December 2-4pm

Seaton Hospital

Monday 22 December 4.30-7.30pm

To make an appointment, please call 01271 322460  
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# Diary Dates

## UNTIL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1st

**AXMINSTER:** Dalwood spinners, a local craft group who create hand made gifts, give all of the proceeds from their sales to South West Children's Hospice. A selection of their knitted good is currently on display in one of the Old Police cells at the Axminster Arts Cafe Axminster Arts Cafe, The Old Courthouse, Church Street, EX13 5AQ. 01297 631455. Opening hours Tues – Fri 9.00am – 2.00pm; Sat + Mon 9.00 – 12.00

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17th

**COLYFORD:** Jurassic Folk in the Dolphin Hotel. 8pm – 10.30pm. We welcome all performers and spectators. Call Andrew on 01404 46451 for further information, or visit www.eastdevonfolk.org. Free Admission.

**SEATON:** Carols by Candlelight Service at the United Reformed Church, Cross Street, at 7pm. Everybody is most welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

**COLYTON:** Colyton Carnival Christmas Bingo at Colyton Town Hall, eyes down 8pm. Usual Christmas goodies, plus cash flyer. For more details call 01297 552851.

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 18th

**LYME REGIS:** Christmas Bingo at the Woodmead Halls, from 8pm.

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 19th

**SEATON:** Healthy Cooking Demonstration with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) at United Reform Church, Cross Street, Seaton from 10:30 until Noon. FREE healthy cooking demonstrations for people at risk of heart disease, type II diabetes, high blood pressure or Stroke. The FREE sessions offer nutrition advice and cooking tips. To find out more call Laura at HALFF on 01297 631782 or email laura@halff.org.uk.

**UPLYME:** Christmas Whist Drive & Raffle at Uplyme Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. £4 per head, including refreshments. All proceeds to Weldmar Hospicecare Trust. We would love to see as many people as possible.

**HONITON:** The Beehive Christmas Party with Area 52 at the Beehive, 8pm. Tickets £20 from www.beehivehoniton.co.uk, or by calling 01404 384050.

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 19th – SATURDAY JAN 10th

**HONITON:** Sheldon Singers Concert at The Beehive, 7.30pm. An atmospheric evening of carols, readings and otehr festive music for all to enjoy. Tickets £12 from www.beehivehoniton.co.uk, or by calling 01404 384050.

**AXMINSTER:** The Axminster Arts Café will have a display in one of the old police cells of artwork from Axminster Drama Club. In addition to some fantastic posters there are pictures used in many productions created by the combined talents of Jackie Demkiw and Heather White together with photographs of the amazing scenery created for pantomimes, musicals and plays by them both, over a period of many years. Their combined talents will be on display again this year at The Guildhall in Axminster as they are currently hard at work weaving their magic to create many colourful and imaginative backcloths for the club's next production "Puss in Boots", which will be performed at the Guildhall between 15th and 17th January. Tickets will be on sale at the Archway Bookshop after Christmas. Axminster Arts Café, The Old Courthouse, Church Street, EX13 5AQ. 01297 631455. Opening hours Tues – Fri 9.00am – 2.00pm; Sat + Mon 9.00 – 12.00

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 20th

**LYME REGIS:** Christmas Sewing and Craft Workshop for kids of all ages at Sew La-Di-Da, The Town Mill. 2 hour workshops from 9.30am–4pm, £15 per head. For more details or to book call 07974 489121.

**SIDMOUTH:** "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" The St. David's Singers Concert Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields, at 7.45pm. Tickets £7 from Paragon Books or on the door.

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## SUNDAY DECEMBER 21st

**HONITON:** Community Church Christmas Family Service at The Beehive Centre, Dowell Road. 10.30am.

**HONITON:** Carol Service at Evangelical Congregational Church, High Street, 6pm.

**HONITON:** Big Christmas Party at the Family Church (Baptists Together), High Street, 10.30am–2pm. Evening Carols by Candlelight at 6.30pm.

**HONITON:** Carol Service at Meadow View Chapel, King Street, 10.30am.

**HONITON:** Carol Service with Communion at the Methodist Church, Chapel Street, off New Street. 10.30am.

## MONDAY DECEMBER 22nd

**LYME REGIS:** Christmas Bingo at the Woodmead Halls, from 8pm.

**SIDMOUTH:** "Seasons Greetings" The Ruishton Concertina Band, Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields, at 8pm. Free, collection for organ fund.

**HONITON:** The Christmassy Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmassness! At The Beehive, 10.30am. Suitable for children aged 5 and over and their families. Tickets £5 from [www.beehivehoniton.co.uk](http://www.beehivehoniton.co.uk), or by calling 01404 384050

## TUESDAY DECEMBER 23rd

**HONITON:** A Night in the West End at the Beehive, 7.30pm. Tickets £8 in advance or £10 on the door. Available in advance from [www.beehivehoniton.co.uk](http://www.beehivehoniton.co.uk), or by calling 01404 384050. Classic shows from London's West End and Broadway alike, performed by local musical theatre students Alex Jackson, Laura Porter, Lewis King and Beth Hibbert.

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24th

**HONITON:** Crib Service 11am in St Paul's CofE, High Street. Carols at 10.30pm, Christmas Eucharist at 11pm.

**HONITON:** Christmas Eve Carols & Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Church of the Holy Family, Exeter Road, from 8pm.

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 25th

**HONITON:** Holy Communion 8am at St Paul's CofE Church.

**HONITON:** Christmas Eucharist at 9.30am.

**HONITON:** Community Church Christmas Day Service, 10am at the Beehive Centre, Dowell Road.

**HONITON:** Morning Service at Evangelical Congregational Church, High Street, 10.30am.

**HONITON:** Christmas Family Service at the Family Church (Baptists Together), High Street, 10.30am

**HONITON:** Christmas Day Service (half hour) at Meadow View Chapel, King Street, 10.30am.

**HONITON:** Christmas Day Family Service at the Methodist Church, Chapel Street, off New Street. 10.30am.

**HONITON:** Christmas Day Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Church of the Holy Family, Exeter Road, from 11am.

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31st

**SIDMOUTH:** Live Music – Pete Allen's Reeds 'N' Rhythm New Year's Eve Party at Woodlands Hotel (EX10 8HG). 3–5.30pm. Tickets with accommodation and dinner £149, tickets for dinner and entertainment £75. Licensed bar, light snacks available. Cabaret seating. Limited free parking. For more details or to book call 078 999 25194.

## SATURDAY JANUARY 3rd

**AXMINSTER:** Axminster Arts, who run the Arts Café, will be holding their AGM at 2.30pm in the Arts Café. We are hopeful of support from the general public and the meeting will be followed by free tea and home-made cake – how can you resist?!

## MONDAY JANUARY 5th

**AXMINSTER:** Axminster Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall, doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

## THURSDAY JANUARY 8th

**SEATON:** Meet the Birds – improve your birdwatching skills with an experienced volunteer guide in the hide. At Tower Hide, Axe Estuary Wetlands. Parking through Seaton cemetery. 1–3pm. Free.

## SUNDAY JANUARY 11th

**SIDMOUTH:** Pete Allen Solo Jazz Show at Stowford Community Centre, Chambers Close, 3–5.30pm (doors 2pm.) Admission £7. Call 078 999 25194 for more details.

## SUNDAY JANUARY 11th – SUN FEBRUARY 1st

**AXMINSTER:** In one of the Old Police cells will be an exhibition of pictures by Megs Rimmer, David Starr and John Whenray. With her love of harmony of colours, Megs produces small oil paintings which are bright and refreshing whatever the subject. They are currently priced at half their normal price. Meanwhile David, who is both colour blind and on the blind register mainly produces portraits. He has worked in all mediums and has an oil, acrylic, charcoal and watercolour on show. John has three small scraper board pictures available to view Axminster Arts Café, The Old Courthouse, Church Street, Axminster. EX13 5AQ. 01297 631455. Tues–Fri 9am–2pm; Mon & Sat 9am–12pm



# Santa flies in early to the Seaton Tramway

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Children will enjoy the tram ride to Santa's home at the North Pole in one of the specially decorated single deck tramcars, love the chance to visit Santa's grotto, speak to Santa and give him their Christmas lists, as well as enjoying great, fun entertainment from George the Magician. They will also get a quality gift from Santa himself. For the

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There are only a limited number of seats on the single deck tramcars to see Santa, but the trams will run every 20 minutes. However, to avoid disappointment, please book your place by telephoning 01297 20375 in advance.

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## LIONS CLUB OF SIDMOUTH SANTA'S ROUTES

### Tuesday December 16

#### Sidmouth Lions Santa Sleigh Route:

Newton Poppleford West (from 'Cannon Inn' to 'Southern Cross Tea Rooms'). Starting at 6.00 pm in King Alfred Way, down Exmouth Road, into Badger Close, Littledown Lane, Littledown Orchard, Exmouth Road, on to Exeter Road, past 'Woodleys Yard' into Burrow Lane, Burrow Close, Hillside and then up Burrow Lane up to rear of Southern Cross Tea Rooms.

### Wednesday December 17

**Sidmouth Lions Santa** is at Waitrose at Stowford from 10am to 4pm.

### Thursday December 18

**Sidmouth Lions Santa** is at Waitrose at Stowford from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, then:

#### Sidmouth Lions Santa Sleigh Route:

Starting at 6pm from United Reformed Church in Primley Road, into Primley Mead, Primley Gardens, Primley Road, Coulsdon Road and Livonia Road.

### Friday December 19

**Sidmouth Lions Santa** is at Waitrose at Stowford from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, then:

#### Sidmouth Lions Santa Sleigh Route:

Starting at 5pm in Betjeman Close, then on to Penrose Place, to Baker Close, then all roads on Stowford, back to Woolbrook Road and, if time permits, Barn Hayes, Core Hill Road and Woolbrook Mead.

### Monday December 22

#### Sidmouth Lions Santa Sleigh Route:

Sidford. Starting at 6pm at Warrens Mead, into Orchard Close, Byes Lane, Drakes Avenue, Fleming Avenue, Lockyer Avenue, South Lawn, Jubilee Gardens and Malden Road.

### Tuesday December 23

#### Sidmouth Lions Santa Sleigh Route:

Sidbury and Sidford. Starting shortly after 5.00 pm from Sid Vale Close, then to Greenhead Lane, then Furzehill, Burnt Oak and Hillside. Then back to Sidford and into Brook Lane, Lower Brook Meadow, Fry's Lane and Higher Brook Meadow.

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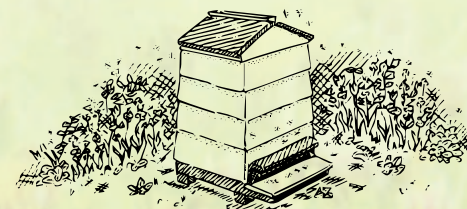


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# Pulman's Property View



## HOUSING MARKET ODDITIES

THERE are often many statistics being published about property prices – selling prices, asking prices, increases and decreases, month on month, year on year and so on. Sometimes the figures agree and sometimes they completely contradict each other. The reality is often similar in that it varies hugely from area to area and it is virtually impossible to make a sweeping statement that applies to the whole country or even just to the south west. For instance, this year, we saw a vibrant first quarter with mortgages being granted a little more readily and a return of first time buyers (a rare commodity in these parts). We expected a ripple upwards in the price ranges in terms of what was selling (as all this activity began at the lower end) and probably would have seen that happen except for one thing. The government was concerned about the London market causing a new housing bubble and so new mortgage regulations

were brought in at the end of April. The new rules meant that anyone wanting a mortgage had to be very much more specific about their monthly outgoings (how much you spend on fuel, groceries, hair cuts, gym membership etc). This resulted in many applications being refused (even in some cases where applicants were paying more in rent than their mortgage repayments would be). Sales began to fall through because of this and mortgages dried up again. The effect of this was felt by us almost immediately and did eventually have the intended results on the London market too, which began slowing down in August. The Autumn was slow but we saw an unexpected amount of activity in November thankfully, which gave us a slightly better end to the year. During most of this time, when the more rural areas were sluggish, some pockets were still very vibrant indeed. Exeter in particular seems to have done well and enjoyed good levels of activity throughout the year. It is a shame that more people are not willing to look a little further afield. Colyton for example has

some lovely property to offer, whether you are looking for a period cottage or a family home, it can all be found here along with a strong local community. Colyton was voted the 4th best place in the country to bring up children in a survey conducted last year. However, we are still not seeing many families and gone are the days when people were desperate to get into catchment areas for the local schools. The new stamp duty rules have offered a small helping hand to buyers, who in some cases will save £5,000 on their purchase. This could mean that we have an early spring in terms of buyer activity as it will no doubt slow down towards election time. Therefore, if you are thinking of selling next year, it may be best to seek out your local agent for advice earlier than you might expect. The first quarter could be the best time to sell in 2015. In the meantime, for the buyers out there, many interesting properties remain on the market and with the savings in stamp duty, maybe January will be the time to take a look at that property you have been watching for the last couple of months and make an offer!



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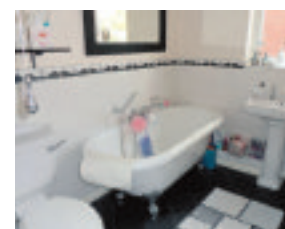
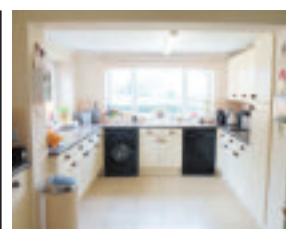


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ground floor bathroom. There is a garage at the side which opens through to another large garage/ office workshop. There is additional vehicle parking and landscaped terraced gardens at the rear. The house has a number of attractive character features including stripped and polished floors, fireplaces and original panel doors. The spacious entrance hall also has a fine period staircase. EPC rating TBC. For more information or to view this property please contact John Wood & Co on 01297 20290 or visit our website [www.johnwood.co.uk](http://www.johnwood.co.uk).

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LOOKING for something to idle away the time whilst you're letting all those turkey sandwiches and Christmas chocolates go down? Look no further. The usual offering of endless repeats, inane rubbish and, yes, a spattering of TV gold is here.

Starting with, as we often do in our *Festive View* TV guide, *Doctor Who* – Peter Capaldi is now and well truly established at the TARDIS controls but there are rumours aplenty that this year's Christmas special could see the final appearance of long-term companion Clara (Jenna Coleman).

'Last Christmas' (Christmas Day, BBC1, 6:15pm) also features Nick Frost as a slightly cheerless Santa and Michael Troughton (son of Second Doctor, Patrick) as an as yet unknown character – could it be that he's reprising his father's role?

What exactly happened to the Top Gear team in Argentina will finally be revealed in their two-part Patagonia Special on BBC2 (December 27th, 8:30pm; December 28th, 8pm). The trio were supposedly chased out of the country after the locals took exception to a number plate one of their vehicles was sporting...



Dr Who: Last Christmas features Peter Capaldi, in his first Christmas as the Time Lord, tackling Santa and deadly aliens at the North Pole.



Still Open All Hours Love is in the air this Christmas for Mavis

## COMEDY

Last Christmas' *Open All Hours* comeback has resulted in the show being given a brand new series, which kicks off on Boxing Day (BBC1, 6:25pm). Love is in the air during this first episode when Mavis receives a special delivery and Granville plays matchmaker.

Miranda comes to an end with two final episodes showing Christmas Day (BBC1, 7:15pm) and New Year's Day (BBC1, 8pm), with the title character having to decide between Gary and Mike's proposal.

Also reaching a finale is *Not Going Out*, with Lucy and Lee's 'will-they-won't-they' storyline coming to a head on Christmas Eve (BBC1, 9:30pm).

The curtain falls on Ricky Gervais' *Derek* on December 22nd (Channel Four, 10pm) with an hour long special. Hannah's preparing for her wedding and Vicky's getting ready to fill her shoes at the care home.

Rapidly becoming a Christmas staple as much as *Only*

*Fools And Horses* used to be, Mrs Brown's Boys returns with a pair of seasonal episodes on Christmas Day (BBC1, 10:05pm) and New Year's Day (BBC1, 9:35pm).

Vic and Bob's *House Of Fools* is back on December 28th (BBC2, 10pm). It's an even more farcical episode than usual involving a bobble hat, a jigsaw and a racist Santa.

Comedy legend Rik Mayall, who died in June, is celebrated in *Lord Of Misrule* (December 20th, BBC2, 10:05pm) with contributions from Ben Elton, Lenny Henry and Alexi Sayle. An episode of *The Young Ones* follows at 11:05pm.



Mrs Brown's Boys returns this Christmas Day and New Year's Day for two season episodes.

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# **DRAMA**

The Beeb have lined some real acting royalty for their New Year's Day adaption of Esio Trot. The 90 minute dramatisation of Roald Dahl's 1990 book stars Dustin Hoffman and Dame Judi Dench. It's the story of retired bachelor Mr Hoppy (Hoffman) and his attempt to win the heart of his neighbour Mrs Silver (Dench) but the small matter of a tortoise gets in the way.

There's a Christmas visit to Downton Abbey on Christmas Day (ITV, 9pm) where a scandalous revelation looks set to ruin the shooting party.

In a feature-length Call The Midwife (Christmas Day, BBC1, 7:50pm) Patsy and Chummy try to help two expectant teenagers in a mother and baby home.

Miranda Richardson heads the cast in a three-part 1930s comedy of manners – Mapp and Lucia (beginning December 29th, BBC1, 9:05pm). Also starring Anna Chancellor and Steve Pemberton, this is a story of social rivalry between two women after one rents the other's home for summer.

Anne Reid and Derek Jacobi return in a third series of Last Tango In Halifax on December 28th (BBC1, 9pm), which see Alan and Celia settling into their married life.



Downton Abbey A scandalous revelation looks set to ruin the shooting party



101 Dalmations (1960) Disney animated classic where the evil Cruella De Vil kidnaps the puppies of Pongo and Perdita.

## **MOVIE PREMIERES**

There are two Disney animated classics making their first appearance on terrestrial TV this Christmas, one of which has been waiting more than 60 years for that honour. When Cinderella (1950) was first shown in UK cinemas, there would only have been one TV channel – now there are literally hundreds. You can catch it on December 22nd (BBC1, 4pm), along with One Hundred and One Dalmations (1960) on Christmas Eve (BBC1, 4:45pm).

Other premieres include Clint Eastwood as one OAP you wouldn't want to mess with in Gran Torino (December 21st, Channel 5, 9pm), Shrek spin-off Puss In Boots (Christmas Day, BBC1, 3:10pm) and Avengers Assemble (Boxing Day, BBC1, 8:30pm) where Marvel's finest team up to defeat Thor's evil brother Loki.

The Muppets comeback movie from 2011 gets its first terrestrial screening on December 29th (BBC1, 6:20pm), as does Christian Bale's second outing as the Caped Crusader in The Dark Knight on New Year's Day (ITV, 9pm).

Steven Spielberg's and Peter Jackson's Tintin collaboration is based on not one but three of the great Herge's stories, but it doesn't come across as much of a hodge-podge as it might have done. Judge for yourself when The Secret Of The Unicorn gets its

premiere on New Year's Day (BBC1, 4:25pm). And keep your ear to the ground as to which book(s) will be the source for the film's inescapable sequel.

If you haven't seen it yet – and, if so, where have you been? – Daniel Craig's latest outing as James Bond comes to ITV on Christmas Eve. With less than 12 months before the release of Spectre, count the weeks with this first terrestrial screening of Skyfall (9pm).

Dustin Hoffman (also starring in the aforementioned Esio Trot the same day) made his directorial debut a couple of years ago with comedy drama Quartet. Starring Maggie Smith, Tom Courtenay, Pauline Collins and Billy Connolly, this delightful little film about a group of opera singers living in retirement make its TV debut on New Year's Day (BBC2, 9pm).



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1. The Christmas favourite of 'Piggies in Blankets' is chipolata sausages wrapped in what?
2. Which of Santa's reindeer shares its name with a mythical god of love?
3. In the Christmas carol, which town is known as Royal David's City?
4. At which of her homes does the Queen traditionally spend Christmas?
5. Which alcoholic ingredient is used in a Snowball cocktail?



6. In the rhyme Christmas is coming, who is getting fat?
7. Feliz Navidad is Happy Christmas in which language?
8. How many Lords-a-leaping are there in 'The 12 Days of Christmas'?
9. In cockney rhyming slang what are 'eyes' called?
10. What was Mr Bean searching for when he got his head stuck in a turkey?
11. To what country did Hong Kong surrender on Christmas Day, 1941?
12. What alcoholic beverage is used in the English Christmas game called 'Snapdragon'?
13. What Christmas item takes its name from the old French word estincelle, meaning spark?
14. In 'The Twelve Days Of Christmas', what were there eight of?
15. What are you eating if you are enjoying 'March Bread'?
16. Who was Scrooge's dead business partner in A Christmas Carol?
17. What animal is Snowball in George Orwell's Animal Farm?
18. Which record was a Christmas number one in 1975 and 1991?
19. In Victorian England who were popularly called robins because of their red uniforms?

20. Which pantomime character marries Alice Fitzwarren?
21. Which act besides the Beatles is the only other act to have three consecutive Christmas number one singles?
22. In the film 'Jingle All The Way' name the toy Arnold Schwarzenegger was hunting?
23. In "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" why was The Grinch so mean?
24. If a person was given all the gifts in the song "The Twelve days of Christmas", how many gifts in total would they receive?
25. In The Simpsons' episode 'Miracle of Evergreen Terrace', how does Bart ruin Christmas?
26. In which city does Kevin Kevin McCallister get 'lost' in at Christmas in Home Alone 2?
27. How many of Rudolph's eight companions names start with 'D'?
28. What's the name of the period leading up to Christmas?



ANSWERS: 1: Bacon, 2: Cupid, 3: Bethlehem, 4: Sandringham, 5: Advocaat, 6: The Goose, 7: Spanish, 8: 10, 9: Mince Pies, 10: His wrist watch, 11: Japan, 12: Brandy, 13: Tinsel, 14: Maids-a-milking, 15: Marzipan, 16: Jacob Marley, 17: Pig, 18: Bohemian Rhapsody, 19: Postmen, 20: Dick Whittington, 21: Spice Girls, 22: Turbo Man, 23: His heart was two sizes too small, 24: 364, 25: by accidentally burning down the Christmas tree and all the presents, 26: New York, 27: Three - Dasher, Dancer and Donner 28: Advent



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# FESTIVE Recipes

## Mulled Wine

**Preparation time** Less than 30 mins  
**Cooking time** Less than 10 mins  
**Serves** 6

**Ingredients**  
1 bottle red wine • 60g/2oz demerara sugar • 1 cinnamon stick  
grated nutmeg • 1 orange, halved • 1 dried bay leaf

**Preparation method**  
1. Put the wine in a saucepan with the orange, sugar, bayleaf and the spices.  
2. Heat gently until the sugar has dissolved. Taste to see if you want the wine sweeter, and add more sugar to taste.  
3. Off the heat, stir in the sloe or damson gin if you are using it.  
4. Strain into heatproof glasses and serve at once.



## Chocolate Orange Cocktail

**Preparation time** 15 mins  
**Cooking time** 10 mins  
**Makes** 4 x 75ml glasses

**Ingredients**  
100g golden caster sugar • zest of 1 orange or clementine  
grated dark chocolate, to decorate • 100ml vodka  
100ml crème de cacao • 60ml orange syrup  
40ml orange juice • ice

**Preparation method**  
1. First make an orange syrup. Combine 100ml water with the golden caster sugar and the orange or clementine zest in a pan and bring to the boil. Cool and strain the syrup.  
2. Chill 4 coupé glasses, then dampen the rims with a little water and dip in the grated dark chocolate. In a cocktail shaker, shake the vodka, crème de cacao, orange syrup and orange juice with ice (you may need to make in 2 batches). Pour into the glasses.



## Father Christmas cupcake

**Preparation time** 30 mins  
**Cooking time** 25 mins  
**Makes** 12 cupcakes

**Ingredients**  
**For the Cupcake**  
200g Unrefined golden caster sugar  
200g Butter (unsalted) softened • 3 eggs  
200g Self-raising flour • 1tsp Vanilla extract

**For the Father Christmas Topper**  
250g each of Sugar paste icing in red, chocolate, white & black • 60ml Water • Apricot Jam



**Preparation method**  
1. Preheat the oven to 180°C (160°C fan, gas mark 4) and line a 12 hole cupcake tin with cases.  
2. Cream together the butter and sugar until pale and fluffy, then add the eggs one by one mixing in well in between then add the vanilla extract. Fold in the flour then spoon into the cases.  
3. Place in the oven for 20-25 minutes or until golden and a skewer come out clean.  
4. To make the father christmas cake topper, use the red sugar paste icing and roll out a ball about 5cm in diameter then flatten the base. Next roll out a sausage about 10cm long and 1.5cm diameter for his arms and finally make a cone shape for his hat and squash the pointed end over to one side.  
5. Take some of the white icing and a little of the red and roll them together until the red blends in to give you a pink colour for his head.  
6. Next take some black icing and roll 2 small balls for eyes, 2 larger balls for his gloved hands and then roll out a little for a belt.  
7. To assemble, use a little water to glue the black belt onto the red body. Next finish the arms by attaching the black hands to the ends of the red 'sausage' shape. Then roll out some of the white icing until is around the end of the arms for his cuffs, using some water to glue. Then cut the arms leaving a diagonal edge. Attach these using a little water, squashing the arms around the body.  
8. Next make a small ball using the white icing for a pom pom and attach to the top of the hat.  
9. To finish, cut a disc of white icing and cut out a small edged piece for his beard, and 2 smaller pieces for his moustache. Make a small ball using red icing for nose. The attach 2 small balls of white icing and small black icing balls for his eyes.  
10. To decorate your cupcake, roll out some chocolate icing and cut into disc, place this on the cake using some warm apricot jam to stick. Then place the jolly father Christmas on top.

## Christmas Pudding

**Preparation time** Overnight  
**Cooking time** 2 hours

**Ingredients**  
350g/12oz mixed dried fruit (raisins, currants, sultanas)  
100g/3½oz pitted ready-to-eat prunes, chopped or left whole  
100g/3½oz dark muscovado sugar • 4 tbsp dark rum  
100ml/3½fl oz stout • 100g/3½oz chopped walnuts  
100g/3½oz blanched almonds • 100g/3½oz ground almonds  
100g/3½oz fresh white breadcrumbs • 50g/1¾oz plain flour  
100g/3½oz frozen butter, grated, plus a little extra for greasing  
½ tsp freshly grated nutmeg • 1 tsp ground cinnamon  
2 tsp mixed spice • 100g/3½oz chopped glacé cherries (or left whole if you prefer) • 3 large free-range eggs, beaten



**Preparation method**  
1. Combine the mixed fruit, prunes, muscovado sugar, rum and stout in a mixing bowl. Stir well to mix, cover and leave for 24 hours to soak.  
2. After 24 hours, mix the walnuts, almonds, ground almonds, breadcrumbs, flour, butter, spices, cherries and eggs along with the soaked fruit mixture in a large mixing bowl, making sure you include all the soaking liquor from the soaked fruit. Mix well until completely combined (let all the members of the family have a stir and make a wish).  
3. Cover with cling film and leave to stand in a cool place for 24 hours.  
4. After 24 hours, grease a 1.2 litre/2 pint pudding basin with butter. Cut a circle of baking paper and place into the bottom of the pudding basin and then grease it with a little more butter. Pack the pudding mixture into the pudding basin, pressing as you add it. Fold a pleat into the middle of a large piece of baking paper and place over the pudding. Cover with a large piece of pleated foil, ensuring the pleats are on top of one another. Secure tightly with kitchen string tied under the lip of the pudding basin.  
5. Place an upturned saucer into a large saucepan one-quarter full of water. Fold a long piece of foil into quarters lengthways to create a long strip and place the pudding basin in the middle of the strip. Bring the sides of the strip up the sides of the pudding basin and lower into the saucepan. Ensure the water in the saucepan comes one-third of the way up the side of the pudding basin, but nowhere near the top of the basin. Leave the ends of the foil strip hanging over the side to make it easy to remove the pudding later.  
6. Bring the water to the boil and then reduce the heat to a gentle simmer. Simmer gently for 5-6 hours, topping up the water level as necessary throughout cooking (do not allow the pan to dry out).  
7. Once the pudding is cooked, remove from the pan and set aside to cool. The pudding can be stored for up to two years in a cool, dry place. To serve, reheat the pudding by steaming again (in the same way) for two hours, or until hot all the way through. Alternatively, remove the foil and reheat in the microwave.

## Egg Nog

**Preparation time** Less than 30 mins  
**Cooking time** Less than 10 mins  
**Serves** 4-6

**Ingredients**  
1140ml/2 pints whole milk • 6 free-range eggs  
50g/2oz caster sugar • 1 vanilla pod, split  
20 fresh cherries, stones removed and halved  
200ml/7fl oz brandy • cocoa powder, for dusting

**Preparation method**  
1. Place the milk, eggs, sugar and vanilla pod in a medium pan and heat gently, without boiling, until the mixture thickens enough to coat the back of a spoon.  
2. The egg nog can be chilled at this stage or served hot.  
3. To serve, scatter the cherries in the bottom of each serving glass. Divide the brandy between the glasses and pour the egg nog over. Dust with cocoa powder and serve.



## Mince Pies

**Preparation time** 30 mins to 1 hour  
**Cooking time** 10 to 30 mins  
**Makes** 12 pies

**Ingredients**  
350g high quality mincemeat, preferably homemade  
200g plain flour, sifted • 40g golden caster sugar  
75g ground almonds • 125g unsalted butter, diced  
1 large free-range egg, beaten • milk, to glaze

**Preparation method**  
1. Lightly butter a 12-hole pie or patty tin. Tip the mincemeat into a bowl and stir so that the liquid is evenly distributed.  
2. Place the flour, sugar, almonds and butter in a food processor and process briefly until resembling breadcrumbs, then slowly add the egg through the feeder tube.  
3. Bring the mixture together with your hands, wrap in cling-film and chill for an hour or so. Thinly roll out the pastry on a floured surface. Cut out 12 circles with a fluted pastry cutter, large enough to fill the base of the prepared tin. Press gently into each hole, then fill with the mincemeat.  
4. Cut out another 12 slightly smaller discs/shapes and use to cover the mincemeat. Press the edges together to seal. Make a small slit in the top of each, then brush lightly with milk. Chill for about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6.  
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**6.00 Breakfast With Bill Turnbull.**  
**9.00 The Gruffalo** Enchanting animation.  
**9.30 On Angel Wings** Magical reworking of the Nativity.  
**10.00 LIVE Come and Join the Celebration**  
A service from St Georges Church in Leeds, including a mix of popular carols and contemporary songs.  
**11.00 Only Fools and Horses** Christmas special from 1986. Rodney dates an aristocrat's daughter.  
**12.00 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out**  
The animated duo take a trip to the Moon.  
**12.25 Gnomeo & Juliet**  
Animated romantic tale voiced by James McAvoy and Emily Blunt.  
**1.40 Shaun the Sheep**  
**1.50 News; Weather**  
**2.00 Top of the Pops Christmas**  
With Ed Sheeran, Clean Bandit, Ella Henderson, McBusted and Take That.  
**3.00 The Queen**  
Her Majesty's address to the nation and the Commonwealth.  
**3.10 Puss in Boots**  
Animated comedy featuring the voices of Antonio Banderas and Salma Hayek. The dashing mPuss in Boots embarks on a quest for magic beans and a goose that lays golden eggs.  
**4.40 BBC News**  
Weather  
**5.00 Strictly Come Dancing**  
Bruce Forsyth is back with co-host Tess Daly as six contestants from past series - Chris Hollins, Louis Smith, Sophie Ellis-Bextor, Rachel Stevens, Russell Grant and Lisa Riley - battle it out in a pantomimed special.  
**6.15 Doctor Who**  
Last Christmas. Under attack on an Arctic base, the Doctor and Clara appear to be facing their doom. Will Santa offer the gift of salvation? Nick Frost and Michael Troughton guest-star.  
**7.15 Miranda**  
I Do, but to Who? The first of two final episodes, which pick up with Miranda deciding whether to accept Gary or Mike's proposal.  
**7.50 Call the Midwife**  
Chummy and Patsy try to help two pregnant teenagers in a mother and baby home.  
**9.00 EastEnders**  
An eerie message among the family Christmas presents is unwrapped by the Beales.  
**10.05 Mrs Brown's Boys**  
Mammy's Tickled Pink. In the first of two festive episodes, Rory is going under the knife.  
**10.40 Michael McIntyre's Very Christmassy Christmas Show**  
Fun and games with Jamie Oliver, Robbie Williams, Mrs Brown, Barbara Windsor, Rob Brydon and Jamie Cullum.  
**11.40 BBC News**  
Weather  
**11.55 On Christmas Night**  
Adjoa Andoh reflects on the role of the mother of Jesus on this day.  
**12.00 Not Going Out**  
Keen to impress over Christmas, Lee invites Lucy's parents to join them.  
**12.45 Would I Lie to You? at Christmas**  
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**4.05 Skiing Weatherview**  
**4.10 BBC News**

## BBC2\*

**6.00 Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas**  
Animated adventure featuring the voice of Brad Pitt.  
**7.15 Short Circuit**  
Fantasy comedy starring Ally Sheedy and Steve Guttenberg. A robot comes to life.  
**8.50 Pollyanna**  
Drama starring Hayley Mills. An orphan's optimistic, cheerful outlook begins to lift a staid, depressed community out of the doldrums.  
**11.00 Carols from King's**  
Celebration from the chapel of King's College, Cambridge.  
**12.15 To the Manor Born**  
From Christmas 1979  
**12.45 The Choir: New Military Wives**  
Meeting the War Horse team.  
**1.45 60 Years of Carols from King's**  
The evolution of the choral service since first being televised in 1954.  
**2.45 Kiss Me, Kate at the Proms**  
Cole Porter's musical take on Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew.  
**5.00 The Queen**  
Her Majesty's annual address.  
**5.10 James May's Toy Stories: Action Man at the Speed of Sound**  
The Top Gear presenter attempts to propel an Action Man through the sound barrier settling on an experimental supersonic vehicle madem entirely from scratch - but will arch-rival Sindy beat the macho toy to it?  
**6.15 Morecambe and Wise in Pieces: the Sketches**  
Penelope Keith introduces a compilation of some of Eric and Ernie's most memorable sketches.  
**7.15 Christmas University Challenge**  
4/10. The University of Edinburgh team includes writer Philippa Gregory, while the University of Leeds boasts journalist James Mates and broadcaster Jacqui Oatley.  
**7.45 Dad's Army**  
For the Love of Three Oranges. Mainwaring finds himself bidding against Pike for an orange.  
**8.30 Blackadder's Christmas Carol**  
The kindly Ebenezer Blackadder receives a visit from his loathsome ancestors in this special from 1988.  
**9.00 Tim Rice: a Life in Song**  
Michael Grade hosts a celebration of one of the country's most successful musical lyricists, with Gemma Arterton, Roger Daltrey, James Fox, Sophie Ellis-Bexton, Tim Minchin, Laura Mvula and Rufus Wainwright performing his songs - and collaborator Andrew Lloyd Webber paying tribute.  
**10.30 QI**  
Host Stephen Fry is joined by Star Wars actress Carrie Fisher plus Bill Bailey, Phill Jupitus and Alan Davies.  
**11.00 Marvellous**  
This fact-based drama tells the inspirational story of Neil Baldwin, a lad from the Potteries who refuses to accept the label of "learning difficulties" and goes on to lead an extraordinary life, working as a circus clown and as a kit man for Stoke City football club.  
**12.30 The Producers**  
Musical comedy remake starring Nathan Lane, Matthew Broderick and Uma Thurman.

## ITV1\*

**6.00 CITV**  
**8.25 Weekend at Christmas**  
New series. Aled Jones chats with Status Quo and Downtons Matt Barber  
**9.25 Vallant**  
Animated comedy adventure about a heroic wartime homing pigeon.  
**10.55 Back to the Future**  
Time-travel comedy adventure starring Michael J Fox.  
**1.10 Nanny McPhee**  
Emma Thompson plays the magical nanny who sorts out a Victorian family.  
**3.00 The Queen Her Majesty's address.**  
**3.10 The Queen's Garden**  
Alan Titchmarsh gains rare access to the grounds of Buckingham Palace. He starts by venturing into the wildest areas.  
**4.10 ITV News Weather**  
**4.20 Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas**  
Stop-motion animation based on the film Elf. Buddy meets the father he never knew he had.  
**5.20 New You've Been Framed! At Christmas**  
Clips curated by Harry Hill include a photo-bombing reindeer and an exploding chimney.  
**5.50 Paul O'Grady: for the Love of Dogs at Christmas**  
Paul returns to Battersea, on a mission to place dogs in new homes before Christmas. Among them is a tiny chihuahua with a big personality.  
**6.50 ITV News**  
Weather  
**7.00 Emmerdale**  
Andy and Katie's wedding day dawns. Cain tries to cover his odd behaviour  
**8.00 Coronation Street**  
Steve pulls out all the festive stops. Is Kylie about to lose everything?  
**9.00 Downton Abbey**  
A scandalous secret and a butler with an axe to grind threaten to undermine the gentility of a shooting party. Bates takes drastic measures to clear Anna's name.  
**11.00 ITV News**  
Weather  
**11.15 You've Got to Love Christmas**  
A comic take on the joys and pitfalls of the season.  
**12.15 Christmas Cards on ITV**  
**1.15 Murder, She Wrote**  
**2.45 Nightscreen**  
Text information.  
**5.05-6.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show**

## Channel4\*

**6.00 The Ugly Duckling and Me**  
Animated comedy inspired by the Hans Christian Andersen tale.  
**7.30 Prep & Landing Award-winning animation.**  
**7.55 Prep & Landing: Naughty v Nice**  
**8.20 Father Christmas Raymond Briggs animation.**  
**8.55 Animals United**  
Animated adventure with James Corden and Stephen Fry.  
**10.45 The Simpsons Triple bill.**  
**12.15 Ice Age: a Mammoth Christmas**  
**12.45 The Snowman**  
Another outing for the atmospheric and poignant animation.  
**1.20 The Snowman and the Snowdog**  
Animated sequel to The Snowman.  
**1.50 The Alternative Christmas Message**  
Channel 4's counterpoint to the Queen's broadcast.  
**2.05 Scrooged**  
Comedy. Network president Frank Cross is a man who hates Christmas and plans to exploit the holidays to attract as many viewers as possible. However Frank is about to be visited by three unconventional ghosts who will attempt to make him change his mean-spirited ways.  
**4.00 Big**  
Comedy. Twelve-year-old Josh Baskin wishes that he could be "big". The next morning he is astonished to find himself fully grown. However he soon learns that being a grown-up is not all that it is cracked up to be.  
**6.00 Arthur Christmas**  
Animated adventure. Santa's job of getting all the presents to all the children all in one night is an operation that requires military precision. But when a glitch in the system means that a little girl is not going to get her new bike, it falls to Santa's clumsy son Arthur to make sure she isn't disappointed.  
**8.00 Frozen at Christmas**  
Disney's Frozen has become the highest-grossing animated film in the history of the genre. This examination of the cultural phenomenon features interviews with the movie's creators, but also explores the obsession exhibited by its fans.  
**9.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man**  
An extravaganza of light-hearted chat and music sees Sir Terry Wogan, Sarah Millican, Emma Willis and Dan Stevens joining Alan on the sofa. All of them will be sampling titbits from chef Gino D'Acampo and enjoying musical interludes from Sam Smith, George Ezra and McBusted.  
**11.00 Eight out of Ten Cats**  
With guests Freddie Flintoff, Ricky Wilson, Stevi Ritchie and Róisín Conaty. Jimmy Carr hosts.  
**12.00 Father Ted Christmas special.**  
A lingerie-related embarrassment is averted by Ted's quick thinking.  
**1.05 Father Ted**  
Series 2 1/10. The priests go on holiday.  
**1.35 Father Ted**  
Series 2 2/10. The Craggy Island clerics organise a raffle.  
**2.00 Father Ted**  
Series 2 3/10. A religious relic is upgraded.  
**2.30 Crazy Heart**  
Music drama starring Jeff E Bridges and Maggie Gyllenhaal. Former country star Bad Blake's self-destructive lifestyle has reduced him to playing bowling-alley gigs when he meets journalist Jean Craddock. Can Blake leave the bad habits behind to be worthy of her love?  
**4.25 Secret Eaters**  
Couple Kelli and Tracey attempt to slim down before their wedding day.  
**5.20 Small Animal Hospital**  
A horse with hoof problems is taken to the vets.

## Channel5\*

**6.00 Milkshake!**  
**9.10 Access**  
Shobiz news  
**9.20 André Rieu: Christmas around the World**  
A concert by the violinist, featuring renditions of White Christmas, Hallelujah and Jingle Bells.  
**10.20 Scrooged**  
Musical adaptation of Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol, starring Albert Finney, Alec Guinness, Edith Evans and Kenneth More.  
**12.35 The Sound of Music - Live!**  
Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical starring Carrie Underwood.  
**3.25 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**  
Musical fantasy. An inventor restores a clapped-out racing car with the help of his eccentric father and two children. They christen it Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and, to their surprise, the vehicle turns out to have magical powers.  
**6.10 Michael Bublé's Christmas Songbook**  
The singer wraps his vocal cords around a collection of festive favourites that would make even Scrooge hum along. Duetting with Michael are Rod Stewart, Blake Shelton, Carly Rae Jepsen and (thanks to some digital magic) Bing Crosby.  
**7.05 Chas & Dave's Knees Up!**  
A seasonal shindig from 1982, with guests including Eric Clapton, Jimmy Cricket, Jim Davidson, Albert Lee and Lennie Peters joining the cockney duo.  
**8.00 Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs**  
Even cynics who dismiss seasonal songs as festive cheese should find something to enjoy, as some of the best-known festive tunes are recalled. Featured hits include the Jackson 5's Santa Claus Is Coming to Town; Mud's Lonely This Christmas; Jona Lewie's Stop the Cavalry; and, of course, Fairytale of New York by the Pogues with Kirsty MacColl.  
**11.05 Muriel's Wedding**  
Comedy drama. Deciding to escape her dysfunctional family and her small-town life, Muriel Heslop takes advantage of a blank cheque and heads off in search of adventure.  
**1.15 ABBA: Live In Concert**  
A 1979 performance by the Swedish quartet.  
**2.25 Super Casino**  
Live interactive gaming  
**3.10 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies**  
A staffie that has been literally left on a scrapheap.  
**4.00 House Doctor**  
Creating the illusion of space in Headcorn, Kent.  
**4.25 House Doctor**  
A garden flat in London's Kensal Green gets a makeover  
**4.50 Wildlife**  
**5.10 House Doctor**  
In Derbyshire.  
**5.35 Wildlife**

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# FESTIVE Television

Friday, December 26th



**Still Open All Hours** BBC1 6.25pm  
David Jason returns as Granville, who is still running the shop he inherited from his uncle.

## Match of the Day

11pm BBC1  
Highlights of all today's Premier League games, which include the London derby, top of the table clash between Chelsea and West Ham.



## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast**  
With Sally Nugent.

**9.00 Pinocchio**  
Disney's animated classic. An elderly woodcarver Geppetto longs for a child of his own. One day a fairy grants his wish and one of his wooden puppets comes to life.

**10.25 CBeebies Peter Pan**  
Musical adaptation.

**11.05 Room on the Broom**  
Animation based on Julia Donaldson's book.

**11.30 Cool Runnings**  
Comedy based on a true story, starring John Candy. A Jamaican sprinter forms his country's first bobsleigh team.

**1.05 BBC News**  
Weather; Regional News

**1.25 The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm**  
Comedy drama starring Harry Hill.

**2.20 My Family**  
A look forward to the Harper family Christmas in the year 2039.

**3.15 Monsters, Inc.**  
Animated comedy with the voices of John Goodman and Billy Crystal. The lives of two monsters, who work gathering the screams of children, are changed for ever when an unafraid little girl accidentally follows them home.

**4.40 The Pirates! in an Adventure with Scientists!**  
Animated comedy adventure. Pirate Captain sets out to win the Pirate of the Year competition against his more impressive rivals.

**6.05 BBC News**  
Regional News; Weather

**6.25 Still Open All Hours**  
New series. 1/6. After last year's special, David Jason returns as Granville, who is still running the shop he inherited from his uncle. Love is in the air when Mavis receives a special delivery and Granville starts to play matchmaker.

**6.55 The Boy in the Dress**  
Comedy drama based on David Walliams's children's book. Schoolboy Dennis feels at odds with the world, but a fashion magazine opens a window onto a new way of being himself.

**8.00 EastEnders**  
The fallout continues for the Carters.

**8.30 Marvel Avengers Assemble**  
Action fantasy. When powerful energy source the Tesseract is stolen from a SHIELD base by Thor's brother Loki, the agency's director Nick Fury decides it's time for the Earth's mightiest heroes - including Iron Man, Captain America and Thor himself - to band together and save the planet. But getting the disparate individuals to gel as a team becomes crucial as Loki is plotting an alien invasion.

**10.40 BBC News**  
Regional News; Weather

**11.00 Match of the Day**  
Highlights of all of today's Premier League games, which included two London derbies, Chelsea v WestHam United and Arsenal v Queens Park Rangers.

**12.35 EastEnders Omnibus.**

**3.30 Weather for the Week Ahead**

**3.35 BBC News**

## BBC2

**6.10 The Road to El Dorado**  
Animated adventure. Two small-time Spanish tricksters get their hands on a map to El Dorado.

**7.30 College Road Trip**  
Comedy starring Martin E. Lawrence and Raven-Symoné. A disastrous road trip ensues.

**8.50 Queen of Tigers: Natural World Special**

**9.50 Ten Pieces**  
An introduction to classical music.

**10.40 60 Years of Carols from King's**  
The history of the annual choral service.

**11.40 On the Town**  
Classic musical starring Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra. Three sailors on leave in New York are itching for female companionship.

**1.15pm Gene Kelly Talking Pictures**  
A profile.

**1.50 Singin' in the Rain**  
Musical starring Gene Kelly. Silent film stars attempt to cope with the coming of sound.

**3.30pm Victoria Wood: That Musical We Made**  
The comedian charts the creation of That Day We Sang, which she wrote and directed, explaining the inspiration for the story. The musical is on at 9pm.

**4.30 Final Score**  
A round-up of the day's results.

**5.25 War Horse at the Proms**  
This musical adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's much-loved tale sees Joey the horse, the National Theatre ensemble and the astonishing Handspring puppets move from the South Ban to the Royal Albert Hall. Here, they join forces with Gareth Malone's Proms Military Wives Choir the Concert Orchestra and the Cambata Choir North West, plus David Charles Abell, Eser Ebin, Tim van Eyken and Duncan Rock. Simon Russell Beale goes behind the scenes as the production - which features music by Adrian Sutton as well as Holst, Elgar and Ravel - takes shape at rehearsals.

**6.45 Christmas University Challenge**  
5/10. Trinity Hall, Cambridge, with actor Dan Stark and Olympic gold medalist Tom James, take on a Balliol College, Oxford team that includes writer Charlotte Higgins and MP Sir Alan Beith.

**7.15 The Two Ronnies: Christmas Show**  
A compilation of the best sketches from the comedy duo's festive shows from 1979 to 1982.

**8.00 Victoria Wood's Midlife Christmas**  
The comedian's special from five years ago, featuring highlights from the Midlife Olympics 2009 and the popular costume drama Lark Pies to Cranchesterford.

**9.00 That Day We Sang**  
Victoria Wood's TV adaptation of her hit music set in Manchester in 1929 and 1969. When middle aged loners Tubby and Enid attend a reunion of the choir in which they sang as children, the music evokes powerful memories, leading them to realise they still have a chance to find happiness.

**10.30 Hunky Dory**  
Comedy drama. Swansea, 1976: a drama teacher attempts to stir her class into mounting a rock opera version of Shakespeare's The Tempest.

**12.15 The Winslow Boy**  
Adaptation of Terence Rattigan's period drama, starring Nigel Hawthorne, Jeremy Northam and Rebecca Pidgeon. A man sets out to clear his son's name when he is accused of theft.

## ITV1

**6.00 CITV**

**8.25 Weekend at Christmas**  
Aled Jones welcomes Jamie Cullum, Claire King and Ben Caplan.

**9.25 Dinner Date: Australia**  
With a father-of-two.

**10.25 Celebrity Squares**

**11.25 Paul O'Grady: for the Love of Dogs at Christmas**  
A feisty chihuahua.

**12.30 ITV News**  
weather

**12.45 The Chase: Christmas Special**

**1.45 Back to the Future Part II**  
Comedy adventure starring Michael J Fox. Marty McFly is whisked to 2015 to prevent a crime.

**3.45 Off Their Rockers**  
Velma gets racy in a photo booth.

**4.15 Downton Abbey**  
A desperate Bates takes drastic measures to clear Anna's name.

**6.15 ITV News**  
weather

**7.00 Emmerdale**  
Jai spots the man who sold him Archie.

**7.00 Coronation Street**  
As Gary resorts to desperate measures, David's news shocks the street.

**8.00 A Christmas Cracker**  
The Muppets fly in from America to join host Bradley Walsh for this entertainment show at London's Hammersmith Apollo. Katherine Jenkins adds some sparkle to proceedings, performing a duet with Kermit, there's comedy from Pub Landlord Al Murray and a routine from Cirque du Soleil. Dance act Flawless take to the stage, as do the cast of hit West End musical Irving Ber/ins.

**9.00 Birds of a Feather**  
New series. 1/8 Series 2. Birds on a Plane. Dorian treats Sharon and Tracey to a holiday in the Canaries, but with Tracey scared of flying and Dorian on the lookout for anything in trousers, will it be plane sailing?

**9.30 Through the Christmas Keyhole**  
Keith Lemon goes for a festive rummage around mcelebrity abodes as Jonathan Ross, Louis Walsh and Kym Marsh try to work out where he's been

**10.30 ITV News**  
Weather

**10.45 Out of Sight**  
Romantic crime drama. A career bank robber falls for a US Marshal.

**12.50am Jackpot247**  
Interactive gaming.

**3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA**

**3.45-6.00 Nightscene**  
Text information.

## Channel4

**5.50am Flicka**  
Drama starring Alison Lohman. A teenager tries to train a wild mustang.

**7.25 The Bear**  
Raymond Briggs animation.

**7.55 The Morning Line**  
A preview of today's races

**9.00 The Big Bang Theory**  
Double bill.

**9.55 Inspector Gadget**  
Comedy action adventure starring Matthew Broderick and Rupert Everett.

**11.30 Dr Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!**  
Animation featuring the voice of Jim Carrey. An elephant discovers a world in danger.

**1.15 LIVE Racing**  
The King George VI Chase at 3.10 is the feature race at Kempton Park, other starts are at 1.25, 2.00 and 2.35. Plus the 1.40 from Wetherby. Chepstow and Kempton Park action tomorrow 1.00pm

**3.50pm Turner & Hooch**  
Comedy. A small-town detective, obsessed with tidiness, finds his orderly life thrown into chaos when he teams up with a flea-ridden canine who is the only witness to a murder

**5.50 Channel 4 News;**  
Sport; Weather

**6.00 The Simpsons**  
The Fight before Christmas. Bart plans to hold Santa Claus hostage.

**6.30 Hollyoaks**  
Nancy is left with a difficult decision to make.

**7.00 Agents of SHIELD**  
10/22 Series 2. What They Become. As Skye uncovers old secrets, Coulson and Whitehall's forces meet in an explosive confrontation.

**8.00 Bear's Wild Weekend with Ben Stiller**  
Survivalist Bear Grylls takes the comedy actor into the wilds of Scotland for a 48-hour trek that will push both mind and body to the limit. Beginning on the shores of Loch Harport on the Isle of Skye, the pair must scramble over cliffs, descend into a vast cave and pull themselves straight up a sheer rock wall, before leaping 40ft into the north Atlantic and swimming to safety.

**9.00 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year**  
Jimmy Carr challenges Richard Ayoade, David Mitchell, Mel B, Micky Flanagan, Sarah Millican and Kevin Bridges on their knowledge of the past year. Michael Palin, Rio Ferdinand, the cast of The Inbetweeners and Lily Allen will also be joining in the fun.

**11.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man**  
An extravaganza of light-hearted chat with Sir Terry Wogan, Sarah Millican, Dan Stevens, Emma Willis and Gino D'Acampo. Sam Smith, George Ezra and McBusted provide the music.

**1.05 Legend**  
Fantasy adventure starring Tom Cruise and Tim Curry. In a magical world, a princess is captured by the Lord of Darkness. It is up to a young peasant called Jack to rescue her.

**2.45 Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid**  
Oscar-winning western comedy drama starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford as the eponymous outlaw heroes. Their most audacious plan yet is for a robbery of the Union Pacific railroad, but the authorities have a surprise in store.

**4.35 Small Animal Hospital**  
A dog with heart problems requires a hi-tech solution.

**5.00 Small Animal Hospital**  
A Labrador makes life hard for the vets.

## Channel5

**6.00 Milkshake!**

**9.55 Access**  
Showbiz news.

**10.05 Carry On Constable**  
Comedy starring Sidney James. Four inept policemen cause chaos.

**11.45 Carry On Teacher**  
Comedy starring Ted Ray. School children showcase their best misbehaviour.

**1.30 Carry On Nurse**  
Comedy starring Kenneth Connor. Nurses cope with amorous patients.

**3.15 The Ladykillers**  
Black Ealing comedy. A gang finds its plans for a robbery hindered by an eccentric, elderly landlady.

**5.00 A Shot in the Dark**  
Comedy sequel to The Pink Panther. The tragic news of a murder is followed by even worse tidings: the bumbling inspector Clouseau is on the case.

**7.05 Rob Brydon Live**  
You can always expect the unexpected from the versatile Welshman - as the anecdotes, impersonations and fast-paced humour recorded on this, his sell-out tour of 2009, go to show.

**8.00 Morecambe & Wise Live! 1973**  
Fans of Eric and Ernie won't want to miss this chance to see the only stage performance by the comedy duo to be fully captured on camera from Croydon's Fairfield Halls.

**9.25 Tommy Cooper's Christmas Special**  
Classic skits and sketches from 1974, as the comedy magician welcomes Eurovision Song Contest 1970 winner Dana, American crooner Vic Damone and French puppeteer André Tahan.

**10.25 Carry On Christmas**  
Sid James stars as Scrooge in this 1969 comedy hatchet job on A Christmas Carol. With Terry Scott, Hattie Jacques, Frankie Howerd and many of the Carry On regulars.

**11.30 Greatest Ever Carry On Films**  
Sid James's cackle and Babs Windsor's flying bikini feature in this rundown of the nation's favourite Carry On films.

**12.35 Carry On Spying**  
Spy spoof starring Kenneth Williams and Barbara Windsor. Four incompetent secret agents set out to recover a stolen formula.

**2.20 SuperCasino**  
Live gaming.

**3.10 Britain's Craziest Christmas Lights**  
Extensive illuminations.

**4.00 Great Scientists Aristotle.**

**4.25 House Doctor**  
Triple bill.

**5.35- Wildlife SOS**  
The work of volunteers at an animal sanctuary

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Saturday, December 27th



**Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1**  
Harry, Ron & Hermione seek to finally destroy the source of Voldemort's powers  
ITV1 7.00pm



**Bruce's Hall of Fame**  
8.30pm BBC1  
Bruce Forsyth hosts a celebration of showbiz heroes past and present from the London Palladium.

BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast**  
Jon Kay, Naga Munchetty.  
**8.25 Match of the Day**  
**10.00 Saturday Kitchen**  
James Martin is joined by Ben Tish, Jason Atherton and Thomasina Miers.  
**11.30 Nigel Slater's New Year Suppers**  
The cook whips up meals using seasonal produce.  
**12.00 BBC News**  
Weather  
**12.10 Football Focus**  
With Dan Walker  
**12.50 Saturday Sportsday**  
A preview of the day's events.  
**1.00 Lewis Hamilton: Duel of the Silver Arrows 2014**  
Suzi Perry, Eddie Jordan and David Coulthard look back at the 2014 Formula one season, which was dominated by Mercedes drivers Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg  
**2.10 Sport Relief: The Final Score**  
A look back at the 2014 charity event, which featured an Only Fools and Horses special and a celebrity sporting contest captained by John Bishop and Sebastian Coe.  
**3.10 How to Train Your Dragon**  
Animated adventure. A teenage Viking boy rebels against his tribe and forms a special bond with a dragon.  
**4.40 Kung Fu Panda 2**  
Animated comedy adventure sequel, featuring the voice of Jack Black. Kung fu master Po must learn the truth about his childhood.  
**6.00 BBC News**  
Regional News; Weather  
**6.20 Celebrity Mastermind**  
4/10. With Andy Day, Ann Cleeves, Robert Peston and Tom Rosenthal. Continues tomorrow 6pm.  
**6.50 Pointless Celebrities**  
With comedians Ronni Ancona and Al-Istair McGowan, Robert Webb and Richard Herring, Hal Cruttenden and Dave Spikey, and Milton Jones and Roisin Conaty.  
**7.40 The Natlond Lottery: Win Your Wish List**  
New series. 1/8. Contestants try to win their dream prizes. Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws.  
**8.30 Bruce's Hall of Fame**  
Bruce Forsyth hosts a celebration of showbiz heroes past and present from the London Palladium. He's joined by Jessie Wallace, Alfie Boe, Jason Manfred, Ben Millen Jon Culshaw and Jamie Cullum as they perform songs and sketches to share their love of the artists who inspired them. Bruce also duets with Jamie Cullum in a rendition of Nat King Cole's Make Someone Happy.  
**9.40 Mrs Brown's Boys**  
Mammy's Tickled Pink. Cathy is keeping a secret from Agnes.  
**10.15 BBC News**  
Weather  
**10.35 Live at the Apollo**  
5/6 Series 10. Hal Cruttenden introduces sets by Justin Moorhouse and Tom Stade.  
**11.05 Not Going Outtakes**  
The bits you've not been allowed to see.  
**11.35 Not Going Out**  
10/10 Series 7 Lee ends up out on the town with his dad.  
**12.20 The Hot Chick**  
Gender-bender comedy starring Rob Schneider and Anna Farris.  
**2.00 Weather for the Week Ahead**  
**2.05 BBC News**

BBC2

**6.10 Natural World: Animal House**  
David Attenborough investigates animal architects.  
**7.10 Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo**  
Third comedy in the Love Bug series, starring Dean Cain.  
**8.50 Ensign Pulver**  
Second World War comedy drama starring Robert Walker Jnr, Burl Ives and Walter Matthau.  
**10.30 TOTP2: Christmas**  
Mark Radcliffe with a festive selection from the archives.  
**12.00 The Hairy Bikers Asian Adventure**  
Dave and Si King visit street-food stalls in Hong Kong.  
**1.00 The Cheyenn Social Club**  
Comedy western starring James Stewart and Henry Fonda.  
**2.40 Yes Minister**  
The Prime Minister announces his retirement, causing a mad scramble for his job. Christmas special from 1984.  
**3.45 The Eagle Has Landed**  
Second World War adventure starring Michael Caine. In November 1943, the military authorities in Berlin receive a simple message, "The Eagle Has Landed". It is the start of a daring attempt by a small force of crack German paratroopers to kidnap the British prime minister: Winston Churchill. Colonel Kurt Steiner (Michael Caine) Heinrich Himmler (Donald Sutherland) Liam Devlin (Donald Sutherland) Admiral Wilhelm Canaris (Anthony Quayle)  
**5.55 Dad's Army**  
Comedy adapted from the TV sitcom, starring Arthur Lowe. In 1940, with a German invasion threatened, the defence of Walmington-on-Sea is in the hands of Captain Mainwaring, the bank manager and a motley collection of townspeople, who make up the Local Defence Volunteers.  
**7.30 Operation Grand Canyon with Dan Snow**  
1/2. The presenter joins a team of historians and geologists to re-create the pioneering 280-mile journey undertaken along the Colorado river by explorer John Wesley Powell in 1869.  
**8.30 Top Gear Patagonia Special**  
1/2. In arguably their most audacious quest yet, Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May take a trio of used sports cars ~ a Porsche 928, a Lotus Esprit and a Ford Mustang - on a gruelling road trip covering 1,600 miles through Argentina's Patagonia region. Their destination is the world's southernmost city, Ushuaia, where they hope to stage a game of car football. Concludes tomorrow 8pm.  
**9.30 James May's Toy Stories: Action Man at the Speed of Sound**  
The Top Gear presenter attempts to propel an Action Man toy through the sound barrier settling on an experimental supersonic vehicle made entirely from scratch.  
**10.30 QI XL**  
In the Christmas edition, presenter Stephen Fry is joined by Star Wars actress Carrie Fisher: plus regulars Bill Bailey, Phill Jupitus and Alan Davies.  
**11.15 Harry & Paul's Story of the 2s**  
Harry Enfield and Paul Whitehouse take an irreverent - and not entirely accurate - look at the history of BBC2. Among the 50 shows they revisiting parody are The Office, Boys from the Blackstuff Arena, The Old Grey Whistle Test and The Apprentice  
**12.15 I Confess**  
Suspense drama starring Montgomery Clift and Anne Baxter: A killer confesses his crime to Father Logan knowing that he is bound to silence. But then suspicion for the murder falls on Logan.  
**1.45 Sign Zone**  
**1.45 Canterbury Cathedral**  
2/3. The treasurer applies for a £12 million lottery grant.  
**2.45 Wonders of the Monsoon**  
4/5. Documentary examining wildlife in monsoon areas.

ITV1

**6.00 CITV**  
**8.25 Weekend at Christmas**  
With guests Michael Ball, Mark Charnock and Professor Green.  
**9.25 Columbo**  
A photographer murders his wife and makes it look as if she was killed by a kidnapper Dick Van Dyke guest-stars.  
**11.25 ITV News**  
Weather; Regional Weather  
**11.30 Dickinson's Real Deal**  
A Wedgwood lustre bowl, car blackout covers and thousands of pounds' worth of gold are valued by the team in Penrith, Cumbria.  
**12.25 The Cube**  
The perspex box holds no fears for 67-year-old competitor Norman.  
**1.25 Tipping Point**  
With Ben Shephard.  
**2.30 Back to the Future Part III**  
Third instalment in the blockbuster comedy adventure series. Trapped in 1955, Marty McFly needs help again to get back to the future. However to do that he must travel through time to the Wild West of 1885.  
**4.40 Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas**  
Stop-motion animated adventure based on the film Elf. Buddy travels to New York City to meet the father he never knew he had. With the voices of Jim Parsons and Mark Hamill.  
**5.40 Regional News**  
Weather  
**5.50 ITV News**  
Weather  
**6.05 You Saw Them Here First**  
Raiding the archives for unexpected footage featuring the television debuts of Britain's best-loved celebrities. Including Alexander Armstrong, Casually's Derek Thompson, Katy Perry, Nigella Lawson, Martin Freeman, Michael McIntyre and Bradley Cooper.  
**7.00 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1**  
Fantasy adventure. With Lord Voldemort once again in the ascendancy, Harry Potter and friends are forced to go on the run. Armed with items given to them by Dumbledore, they seek to destroy the things that contain the secret of Voldemort's power.  
**9.50 Darcy Oake: Edge of Reality**  
Illusionist Darcy Oake dons his cap to the grand old tradition of stage magic with this evening of spectacular logic-bending illusions, recorded before a live theatre audience. Prepare to be amazed as he promises to deliver some things you'll have never seen before, some things you'll never see again and some you'll have to see to believe. Hosted by Christine Bleakley.  
**10.45 ITV News**  
Weather; Regional Weather  
**11.05 An Audience with Joan Rivers**  
The comedian holds court as a host of famous faces encounter her brash style up close.  
**12.00 Clockwise**  
Comedy starring John Cleese and Allison Steadman. For headmaster Brian Stimpson this will be no ordinary day. Due to address a conference in Norwich, he suffers many setbacks in an increasingly hysterical race against the clock.  
**1.40am Jackpot247**  
Interactive gaming.  
**3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA**  
**3.40 Nightscreen**  
Text information.

Channel4

**5.25 Flicka 2**  
Drama starring Tammin Sursok and Patrick Warburton. A city girl forms a special bond with a free-spirited horse called Flicka.  
**7.05 Lost and Found**  
Jim Broadbent narrates a magical tale about a boy and a penguin.  
**7.30 Famous Fred**  
Posy Simmonds' animation about a singing cat, featuring the voice of Lenny Henry.  
**8.00 The Morning Line**  
Racing preview.  
**9.00 Frasier**  
Two women vie for Frasier's attention.  
**9.30 The Simpsons**  
Triple bill.  
**11.00 Alaska**  
Action adventure starring Thora Birch and featuring Charlton Heston.  
**1.10 LIVE Racing**  
The Welsh Grand National at 3.00 is the feature race from Chepstow, other starts are at 1.25, 1.55 and 2.35. Races from Kempton Park are at 1.40, 2.15 and 2.55.  
**3.35 Zulu**  
Historical war drama. In 1879 Cetewayo, ruler of the great Zulu kingdom inflicts a heavy defeat upon the British army at Isandhlwana and marches towards the small garrison of Rorke's Drift where two officers desperately rally their meagre forces.  
**6.20 Channel 4 News**  
Sport Weather  
**6.40 Guy Martin's Passion for Life**  
Away from the media glare this documentary offers a snapshot of some of the petrolhead's favourite things. We meet him hard at work as a lorry mechanic a job he's cycled to every day SINCE he was 12 years old! He reveals his love for high performance, precision, authenticity and conviction. The film also follows his dream to own an iconic Merlin Spitfire engine.  
**7.10 Mission Impossible**  
Action spy thriller Impossible Mission Force agent Ethan Hunt is on the trail of former colleague gone bad Sean Ambrose following the theft of a synthetic virus capable of wiping out the world's population. In an effort to get closer to Ambrose Ethan is accompanied on the mission by the renegade agent's former lover.  
**9.30 Fifty Funniest Moments 2014**  
A heady cocktail of this year's gaffes and mishaps that goes straight to the funny bone. From Pharrell's hat to Ed Milliband's bacon sandwich they're all here. With cutting comments and lots of laughter from the likes of Danny Dyer, Katherine Ryan, Eamonn Holmes, Ruth Langsford and Internet star KSI.  
**11.35 X Men the Last Stand**  
Second sequel in the fantasy action adventure series. A wealthy industrialist finds a cure for the mutants but it is an announcement that divides the community with many refusing to give up their powers. As dissent grows Magneto uses the unstable atmosphere to rally support for a war on the humans.  
**1.35 The Raven**  
Period thriller starring John Cusack Luke Evans and Alice Eve A serial killer is on the loose in 19th century Baltimore whose crimes mirror events in the stories of Edgar Allan Poe. Who better to help predict the murderer's next move than the author himself?  
**3.30 Hollyoaks**  
**5.45 Small Animal Hospital**

Channel5

**6.00 Milkshake!**  
**9.30 World's Strongest Man**  
5/11. The fifth and final round of the Giants Live qualifiers.  
**10.30 Pal Joey**  
Musical comedy starring Frank Sinatra, Rita Hayworth and Kim Novak.  
**12.45 The Secret Garden**  
Period drama based on Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic novel. Starring Kate Maberly and featuring Maggie Smith  
**2.45 Watership Down**  
Animated screen version of the best-selling novel about a group of rabbits searching for a safe haven.  
**4.35 Seven Brides for Seven Brothers Musical**  
A newlywed must share her home with her husband's six unruly brothers.  
**6.35 World's Strongest Man**  
6/11. As the first heat gets under way, the UK's Terry Hollands strives for a ninth appearance in the finals.  
**7.35 Chas & Dave's Xmas Knees Up!**  
Festive entertainment from 1982.  
**8.30 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies**  
Alan hosts a canine Christmas party for some of the stars of the last series.  
**9.30 5 News**  
**9.35 The Haunting of Radcliffe House**  
Olivia Williams and Matthew Modine star in this feature-length chillen Meg Hamilton moves her family to a remote location on the Yorkshire moors, where she's been hired to renovate a country house. As eerie events begin to occur it soon becomes clear that the house is home to supernatural forces.  
**11.25 True Crimes: The First 72 Hours**  
Police believe a robbery suspect is also a series of Christmas thefts.  
**11.55 Access**  
Showbiz news.  
**12.00 SuperCasino**  
Live gaming.  
**3.10am The Kids' Hospital**  
3/3. A 14-year-old with a serious leg injury.  
**4.00 House Doctor**  
In Durham.  
**4.25 Make It Big**  
The group searches for a venue.  
**4.50 Make It Big**  
Josh prepares for a meeting.

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# FESTIVE Television

Sunday, December 28th



## Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark

BBC1 3.45pm

Indiana Jones's outrageous exploits take him around the world in search of the legendary Ark of the Covenant.

## ET the Extra-Terrestrial

3.20pm ITV1

Spielberg's sci-fi adventure where a 10-year-old boy befriends an alien.



## BBC1

### 6.00 Breakfast

Jon Kay, Naga Munchetty

### 9.00 G-Force

Part-animated action adventure featuring the voices of Nicolas Cage and Sam Rockwell. A specialised team of guinea pig secret agents are sent to thwart an evil mogul's bid for world domination.

### 10.20 Three Men and a Little Lady

Comedy sequel with Tom Selleck, Steve Guttenberg and Ted Danson. The bachelor trio are dismayed when Mary, now five years old, moves with her mother Sylvia to London.

### 12.00 Christmas of My Lifetime with Len Goodman

With Ritchie Tomlinson, Jennie Bond, Julie Bradbury and Ainsley Harriott.

### 1.00 BBC News

Weather for the Week Ahead.

### 1.15 Bargain Hunt

In Peterborough.

### 1.55 Call the Midwife

Chummy and Patsy try to help two pregnant teenagers in a mother and baby home.

### 3.10 Songs of Praise

Musical moments and memorable stories from the past year.

### 3.45 Raiders of the Lost Ark

Action adventure starring Harrison Ford. Indiana Jones's outrageous exploits take him around the world in search of the legendary Ark of the Covenant, a religious artefact of unspeakable power wanted by the Nazis.

### 5.35 BBC News

Regional News; Weather

### 6.00 Celebrity Mastermind

5/10 Rob Deering, Amy Willerton, Andy Bell and Jason Watkins answer questions on Jane Austen's novels, Anne Boleyn, Blondie and theatre impresario David Barrick.

### 6.30 Countryside

John Craven visits an agricultural college that makes wine from grapes grown on the South Downs, and presents a compilation of archive items about rural celebrations. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

### 7.30 Still Open All Hours

2/6. Granville is determined to pair up Gastric and Madge. He's equally set on enticing an old man who never comes into the shop. Wet Eric is lured into a dangerous purchase

### 8.00 Antiques Roadshow

There's a treasure trove of goodies at Durham Cathedral, including a "sweet-heart" brooch linked to the Grenadier Guards that was bought by its current owner from a hospice shop. And Paul Atterbury is intrigued by a set of secret documents that could offer new information on the D-Day landings. Fiona Bruce presents.

### 9.00 Last Tango in Halifax

New series. 1/6 Series 3. Sally Wainwright's romantic drama returns. New-lyweds Celia and Alan's honeymoon period comes to an abrupt end when an unexpected visitor forces Alan to think about his past and the secret he's kept from his wife.

### 10.00 BBC News

Regional News; Weather

### 10.25 Match of the Day

Including Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester United and West Ham v Arsenal. Presented by Gary Lineker.

### 11.55 The Football League Show

Featuring Nottingham Forest v Birmingham City.

### 1.15 Goal II: Living the Dream

Football drama sequel starring Kuno Becker Alessandro Nivola and Anna Friel.

### 3.05 Weather for the Week Ahead

### 3.10 BBC News

## BBC2

### 6.50 Antiques Roadshow

### 7.50 Sign Zone

Updates from the past year.

**1.50 Herbie Goes Bananas**  
Comedy about a Volkswagen with extraordinary powers. En route to Brazil, Herbie and his owners get caught up in a plot to steal Incan gold.

### 9.20 Coast Australia

Great Barrier Reef.

### 10.10 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites Highlights

### 11.40 The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure

Dave Myers and Si King arrive in Thailand.

**12.40 Julie Andrews: Talking Pictures**  
A look at TV appearances made over the years by the actress.

### 1.25 Great Continental Railway Journeys

Michael Portillo travels through Poland.

### 2.25 The Heroes of Telemark

Thriller starring Kirk Douglas and Richard Harris. Occupied Norway 1942: a team of resistance fighters try to sabotage Nazi attempts to build an atomic bomb.

### 4.30 Final Score

Jason Mohammad presents the classified results.

### 5.30 Flag it!

From Ely Cathedral, plus a trip to Newmarket.

### 6.00 John Carter

Action fantasy based on the novel by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Following an encounter with a mysterious medallion, American Civil War veteran John Carter is transported to Mars where he gains superhuman powers. Once there, he comes to the aid of a beautiful princess who is being used as a bargaining chip between warring races.

### 8.00 Top Gear Patagonia Special

2/2. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May continue their quest to take three V8-engined sports cars on an epic journey through Patagonia to the southernmost city in the world. Ushuaia. Along the way they encounter stunning landscapes, mechanical meltdowns and tortuously unpaved roads, before a terrifying turn of events brings their adventure to a heart-stopping climax.

### 9.00 Racing Legends

Barry Sheene. Jim Mair (aka Vic Reeves) tells the story of the 1970s motorcycle world champion. He discovers how Sheene rose to the top of his sport and became a hugely popular public figure. The comedy actor also rides the bikes that became part of the legend.

### 10.00 House of Fools

Vic and Beef are set to celebrate on Christmas Eve when Bob's special present for his sulky son Erik goes up in flames. The housemates cast off with Julie and Bosh on an underground boat journey to pop icon Phil Collins's mansion to find a suitable replacement present

### 10.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks

Festive edition of the quiz with guests Louis Walsh, Glen Matlock, Lloyd Langford and Melissa Steel.

### 11.00 The Wrong Mans

1/2 Series 2. X-Mans/White Mans. Sam and Phil are forced to come out of hiding and embark on an international quest.

### 12.00 The Comedy Vaults:

BBC2's Hidden Treasure  
Rarely seen moments from the channel's archives.

### 1.00 Suspicion

Oscar-winning psychological thriller starring Cary Grant and Joan Fontaine. Shy Lina McLaidlaw marries man-about-town Johnnie Aysgarth, but her happiness slowly becomes tainted with the fear that her charming husband is not all that he seems.

### 2.40 Sign Zone

### 2.40 Countryside

The team looks forward to the Christmas market in Bath.

### 3.35 Holby City

A familiar face returns in need of help from Elliot.

## ITV1

### 6.00 CITV

### 8.25 Weekend at Christmas

With Gino D'Acampo, Kelly Adams, Union J and Andy Burrows. Last in series.

### 9.25 Columbo

A widow vows to exact revenge on the two men who put her husband in prison

### 11.00 ITV News

Weather; Regional Weather

### 11.15 The Cube

A personal trainer takes part.

### 12.15 Michael Flatley's a Night to Remember

An entertainment special featuring the renowned Riverdance star. Christine Bleakley presents.

### 1.15 Tipping Point

Game show.

### 2.20 Catchphrase

Carol Vorderman, Michael Ball and Michelle Collins see it and say it.

**3.20 ET the Extra-Terrestrial**  
Steven Spielberg's classic sci-fi adventure, starring Henry Thomas and featuring Drew Barrymore. Ten-year-old Elliott has a new friend, but he's from another planet and nobody must know that he's here.

### 5.35 Regional News

weather

### 5.45 ITV News

weather

### 6.00 The Queen's Garden

2/2. Once winter has passed, spring comes early to the garden at Buckingham Palace. Alan Titchmarsh discovers a unique nursery of life right in the heart of London, including a tawny owl chick hatched in the grounds. He also tours the garden's commemorative trees and sees a pair of plane trees planted by Victoria and Albert. Then Alan helps pick the weekly posy for the Queen's desk. In late May, a tented village on the lawn is the sign that party season will soon be here and guests can admire the showpiece floral display.

### 7.00 Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera

Alastair Stewart presents footage filmed by members of the public, featuring fearsome storms, encounters with nature and dramatic rescues, including a construction worker who was trapped on the balcony of a building engulfed by fire.

### 8.00 All Star Family Fortunes

New series. 1/1. Who will clean up tonight as Coronation Street takes on Emeraldale? The Weatherfield wannabes led by Jimi Mistry with his soap "family members" Shelley King, Marc Anwar Sair Khan and Oasim Akhtar take on the Dales division headed by Natalie J Robb along with her soap "clan" Adam Thomas, Anthony Quinlan, Joe Gill and Bill Ward. They're trying to win up to £30,000 for charity.

### 9.00 All New It'll Be Alright on the Night

Griff Rhys Jones unleashes previously unseen calamities that the celebrities would rather you didn't view. Featuring Shane Richie in a less-than-perfect moment from EastEnders, and the Come Dine with Me couple who almost split.

### 10.00 ITV News

Weather; Regional Weather

**10.15 Through the Christmas Keyhole**  
Keith Lemon snoops around celebrity homes, dropping clues as to who the owners are.

### 11.15 Rugby Union

Premiership highlights, including Gloucester v Wasps and Harlequins v Northampton Saints.

### 12.10 The Store

Home shopping.

### 2.10 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA

### 3.45 Nightscreen

Text information.

### 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show

## Channel4

### 6.10The American Football Show

The latest NFL highlights.

### 7.10 Little Wolf's Book of Badness

Animated tale.

### 7.35 Ivor the Invisible

Children's animation.

### 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond

A snowstorm traps Ray and Debra at Frank and Marie's house.

### 8.35 Frasier

Double bill.

### 9.30 Sunday Branch

With comedian Jasie Long and indie-rock band Bombay Bicycle Club.

### 12.25 Imagine That

Comedy fantasy with Eddie Murphy. A stockbroker discovers that his daughters imaginary friends can offer some helpful financial advice.

### 2.35 The Simpsons

Five episodes.

### 4.55 Channel 4 News

Sport; weather

### 5.00 Celebrity Fifteen to One

Comedian Adam Hills holds all the answers as he hosts a special edition of the quiz show, with a prize for the charity of the celebrity who wins.

### 6.00 The Golden Compass

Fantasy adventure based on the first in Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials trilogy of novels, starring Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig and Dakota Blue Richards. In a parallel universe where souls take animal form, orphan girl Lyra has been brought up among the scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. It is there she overhears her uncle, Lord Asriel, talk of a microscopic particle that can pass between different worlds.

### 8.00 The Hotel

New series. 1/8 Series 4. It's two years since Mark Jenkins was forced to sell his own hotel, the Grosvenor Now he's back in Torquay for one summer season only, in the role of entertainments manager at the struggling, family-run 90-bed Cavendish Hotel, alongside his friend and former colleague Alison. It's the start of the summer: the hotel's roof is leaking and finances are at rock bottom.

### 9.00 Homeland

12/12 Series 4. Long Time Coming. Once back in the United States, Carrie and Saul investigate what she saw in Islamabad.

### 10.15 Gogglebox 2014

Loveable Leon and June, "posh couple" Steph and Dom, hairdressers Christopher and Stephen, and Sandy and Sandra from Brixton are among those passing judgement on the year's TV, including everything from entertainment juggernauts to the big soap stories and from hard-hitting documentaries to gritty dramas.

### 11.50 Rude Tube Christmas Cracker

Alex Zane presents a selection of festive internet clips that have proved popular around the world this year featuring a mashed-up Monty the penguin and Mariah Carey with a beard.

### 12.45 Father Ted

4/10 Series 2. Dougal is led astray by new arrival Father Damien.

### 1.10 American Football Live

Coverage of a match from the final week of the NFL's regular season.

### 4.55 NFL: Rush Zone

Animated adventure.

### 5.20 Secret Eaters

A mother and daughter's unusual eating habits are revealed.

## Channel5

### 5.15 Milkshake!

### 9.20 World's Strongest Man

6/11. Action from the opening heat in Los Angeles.

### 10.20 Carry On Christmas

Sid James stars as Ebenezer Scrooge in this 1969 comedy hatchet job on Dickens's A Christmas Carol. With Terry Scott.

### 11.25 Greatest Ever Carry On Films

A rundown of memorable moments from the comedy film series.

### 12.25 Carry On Spying

Spy spoof starring Kenneth Williams and Barbara Windsor. Four British secret agents set out to recover a stolen secret formula.

### 2.10 Black Beauty

Family drama based on the novel by Anna Sewall. After being retired to pasture in the English countryside, the horse Black Beauty looks back on an eventful life with many owners, some kind but others cruel.

### 3.55 Out of Africa

Oscar-winning biographical drama. Karen Blixen leaves her native Denmark in 1913 to marry a Swedish baron and run a coffee farm in Kenya. Traveling to Nairobi, she briefly encounters adventurer Denys Finch Hutton and begins a romance that is inextricably bound up with the beauty of Africa, its land and its people.

### 7.00 World's Strongest Man

7/11. In the second heat of the contest, English contender Ben Kelsey from Oxford and formidable Iclander Hafthor Bjornsson join a world-class field of strongmen to face a series of gruelling challenges - including Fingal's fingers and the atlas stones.

### 7.55 5 News

### 8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!

3/10 Series 2. Enforcement agents are faced with the difficult job of evicting a woman with two children - a task that takes a turn for the worse when her ex-partner makes an appearance.

### 9.00 Most Shocking

### Celebrity Moments

A countdown of the year's biggest stories and scandals, from Solange Knowles attacking brother-in-law Jay Z in a lift to Cheryl Fernandez-Versini's whirlwind romance and marriage, as well as her return to The X Factor.

### 11.55 Autopsy: Michael Jackson's

### Last Hours

Dr Richard Shepherd investigates the death of Michael Jackson in 2009, at the age of 50.

### 12.55 SuperCasino

Live gaming.

### 3.10 World's Strongest Man

5/11. The opening heat from Los Angeles.

### 4.00 House Doctor

A bland property near Leamington Spa.

### 4.25 Make It Big

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Monday, December 29th



**Eight Out of Ten Cats  
does Countdown** C4 9.00pm  
Jimmy Carr hosts the irreverent panel show's version of the words-and-numbers quiz.



**Eastenders**  
8.00pm BBC1  
Ronnie realises Dot and Charlie have been manipulated.

**BBC1**

**6.00 Breakfast**  
Naga Munchetty Bill Turnbull

**8.00 Match of the Day**

**9.30 Flushed Away**  
Aardman Animations comedy adventure featuring the voices of Hugh Jackman, Kate Winslet and Ian McKellen.

**10.50 Megamind**  
Animated comedy adventure with the voices of Will Ferrell, Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill and Tina Fey.

**3.35 Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave**  
The duo get mixed up in sheep rustling.

**4.05 Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom**  
Harrison Ford returns as intrepid archaeologist Indiana Jones in the second entry in Steven Spielberg's action adventure series. Indy's new quest takes him to India in search of the magical Sankara stone, and uncovers an ancient evil that threatens all who come into contact with it.

**5.55 BBC News**  
Regional News; Weather

**6.20 The Muppets**  
Musical comedy Muppet fans Gary, Mary and Walter visit the Muppet Theater in Hollywood, but are horrified by its dilapidated condition. When it turns out a greedy oil magnate is determined to buy the building, the trio set out to persuade the old gang to put on a money-spinning show.

**8.00 EastEnders**  
Ronnie realises Dot and Charlie have been manipulated, while Dexter offends Nancy.

**8.30 Miranda**  
I Do, but to Who? Miranda has to decide whether to accept Gary or Mike's proposal.

**9.05 Mapp and Lucia**  
New series. 1/3. Period comedy, starring Miranda Richardson and Anna Chancellor about the social rivalry between two women in a small town after one rents the other's home for the summer

**10.05 BBC News**  
Regional News; Weather

**10.30 Darcey Bussell's Looking for Audrey Hepburn**  
Strictly judge Darcey Bussell explores Audrey Hepburn's private world, discovering how she survived starvation during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, and went on to win respect and admiration for her work in the theatre and movies, as well as for her humanitarian deeds.

**11.35 Sport Relief: the Final Score**  
A look back at this year's charity event.

**12.35 EuroTrip**  
Comedy starring Scott Mechlowicz, Michelle Trachtenberg and Jacob Pitts. An American high-school student embarks on a trip across Europe with his friends to meet his German internet pal.

**2.05 Weather for the Week Ahead**

**2.10 BBC News**

**BBC2**

**6.10 Sign Zone**  
Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes 6/6. Demonstrating how to liven up lunches.

**6.40 The Football League Show**  
Highlights of the latest matches Shown yesterday.

**8.00 Orangutans: The Great Ape Escape Natural World**  
An orangutan is released back into the Wild after Spending eight years in a rescue centre.

**9.00 Coast Australia**  
Neil Oliver investigates the penal history of Port Arthur during colonial times

**9.50 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip**  
Tim Brooke Taylor competes against Graeme Garden

**10.50 Great Continental Railway Journeys**  
Michael Portillo travels through Galicia and Portugal.

**11.50 The Hairy Bikers Asian Adventure**  
Dave and Si conclude their culinary tour of Thailand.

**12.50 David Niven Talking Pictures**  
Capturing the milestones of the English actor's fame.

**1.40 Around the World In 80 Days**  
Adventure based on the classic Jules Verne novel starring David Niven. Reform Club member Phileas Fogg makes a wager with his fellow clubmen that he can go round the world in 80 days.

**4.30 Big Dreams, Small Spaces**  
1/5. As Monty Don sets about helping people transform their nightmare gardens, he battles to turn a clay-clogged building site in Petworth into a piece of Portugal.

**5.30 Wild Brazil**  
1/3. Following capuchin monkeys, giant otters and coatis as they strive to raise their families. The first episode sees the young animals taking their initial steps in some of the world's most extraordinary habitats.

**6.30 Nature's Wildest Events**  
1/3. Chris Packham investigates peculiar natural events, including dogs commuting on the Moscow metro.

**7.30 Operation Grand Canyon with Dan Snow**  
2/2. The historian and his team conclude their re-creation of the pioneering 280-mile expedition through the natural wonder that was led by explorer John Wesley Powell in 1869.

**8.30 Christmas University Challenge**  
6/10. Jeremy Paxman asks the questions as writer and broadcaster Adam Hart-Davis and archaeologist Helen Geake represent the University of York while broadcaster and scientist Jim Al-Khalili and writer Susan Blackmore join the University of Surrey team.

**9.00 Snow Wolf Family & Me**  
1/2. Gordon Buchanan heads to the north of Canada to discover the true nature of wolves. Using his skills as a wildlife cameraman, Gordon begins to gain the trust of a white wolf family who have never experienced human contact. As spring turns to summer he becomes accepted by the pack, including a mother and her three newborn pups.

**10.00 Dave Allen: God's Own Comedian**  
Family, friends and rare archive footage tell the story of the Irish comedian's life and career - one that took in films, plays, documentaries and chat shows as well as the award-winning comedy series for which he was most renowned. A natural performer who cut his teeth at Bultins, he became a TV star in Australia in his 20s before returning home to dominate the British schedules with his unique blend of sketches and stories.

**11.00 The Wrong Mans**  
2/2 Series 2. Action Mans/Wise Mans. Sam and Phil's spirits are lifted as they leave Texas, but then they are forced to take part in a heist with a gang of mercenaries. Will they survive?

**12.00 Notorious**  
Alfred Hitchcock's classic romantic thriller starring Ingrid Bergman and Cary Grant. Willing to go to any lengths to prove her loyalty to the US government, Alicia Huberman agrees to travel to South America and risk her life by becoming involved with a ruthless Nazi spy.

**1.40 Sign Zone**

**1.40 The Apprentice: the Final**  
The two finalists launch their businesses in a task to determine the winner.

**3.40 The Mekong River with Sue Perkins**  
4/4. The comedian reaches her final destination: China.

**ITV1**

**6.00 Dinner Date**  
Darren from London.

**7.00 Good Morning Britain**  
News and guests.

**8.30 Lorraine**  
Beverley Knight is in the studio.

**9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show**  
Family Feuds

**10.30 Judge Rinder**  
Real life court cases

**11.30 Who's Doing The Dishes?**  
Strongman Geoff Capes is mystery host to four dinner guests.

**12.30 All Star Family Fortunes**  
With chef Gino D'Acampo and actress Michelle Keegan

**1.15 ITV News**  
Regional News; Weather

**1.30 Secret Dealers**  
The experts bid for a Sheffield silver inkwell and a nine carat gold watch.

**2.30 Surprise Surprise Christmas Special**  
A ten year old girl visits the set of Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb

**3.30 Dr No**  
The first James Bond adventure, starring Sean Connery and Ursula Andress. Bond is sent to Jamaica to investigate the mysterious killing of a fellow agent.

**5.35 The Chase**  
Quiz presented by Bradley Walsh.

**6.30 Regional News**  
weather

**6.45 ITV News**  
Weather

**7.00 Emmerdale**  
Megan wonders if Jai is trustworthy.

**7.30 Coronation Street**  
Gavin's cover comes under threat.

**8.00 Countrywise**  
8/8 Series 6. In the Lake District, Paul Heiney becomes a rambling guide. Liz Bonnin visits a wildlife rescue centre in Scotland.

**8.30 Coronation Street**  
Anna is shocked when she discovers the truth.

**9.00 Christmas Epic Falls**  
A look at the funny side of the season, presented by Angus Deayton. Including cringeworthy gifts, festive fads, cheesy songs and unsettling Santas.

**10.00 ITV News at Ten**  
Weather; Regional Weather

**10.15 Atonement**  
Period romantic drama. At a country house in 1935, sisters Cecilia and Briony Tallis clash over Cecilia's affair with servant's son Robbie Turner.

**12.25 Jackpot247**  
Interactive gaming.

**3.00 Nightscreen**  
Text information.

**5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show**

**Channel4**

**6.15 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures**

**6.30 How I Met Your Mother**

**7.20 Everybody Loves Raymond**

**9.10 The Big Bang Theory**  
Triple bill

**10.30 The Simpsons**  
Triple Bill

**12.00 Hachi: a Dog's Tale**  
Drama based on a true story starring Richard Gere and Joan Allen

**1.50 Deal or No Deal Merry Christmas**

**2.50 Brewster's Millions**  
Comedy starring Richard Pryor and John Candy

**4.50pm Channel 4 News**  
Sport; weather

**5.30 Hollyoaks**  
Peri takes action when Nancy confronts her.

**6.00 The Italian Job**  
Comedy caper starring Michael Caine and Noel Coward. When Charlie Croker is released from prison, he is soon up to no good. After securing the financial backing of crimelord Mr Bridgen he puts into motion plans for a gold-bulion robbery that is to take place in Turin. But the Mafia has other ideas...

**8.00 Mini Cooper: For the Love of Cars**  
From its revolutionary design and front-wheel drive, to becoming a track and rally car the Mini Cooper Mkl was the small car with the big heart driven by royalty, 1960s superstars and ordinary members of the public. Ant Anstead tracks one down at the back of a barn in Dublin and gets to work restoring the vehicle to its former glory, while actor Philip Glenister meets Formula One legend Stirling Moss, who takes a Mini for a spin around one of the nation's most dangerous roads.

**9.00 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown**  
Jimmy Carr hosts the irreverent panel show's version of the words-and-numbers quiz, with team captains Sean Lock and Jon Richardson joined by guests David Mitchell and Kathy Burke for comic innuendos, unpredictable conundrums and plenty of laughs. Alex Horne and the Horne Section join resident lexicographer Susie Dent in Dictionary Corner while Joe Wilkinson "assists" maths whizz Rachel Riley at the board.

**10.00 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year**  
Jimmy Carr challenges Richard Ayoade, David Mitchell, Mel B, Micky Flanagan, Sarah Millican and Kevin Bridges on their knowledge of the past year. The cast of The Inbetweeners, Michael Palin, Rio Ferdinand and Lily Allen are among those lending a hand.

**12.00 The American Football Show**  
Highlights from the 17th and final week of the regular season.

**1.00 The Omen**  
Horror with Gregory Peck, Lee Remick, David Warner and Billie Whitelaw. When the wife of the US ambassador has a stillborn child, another baby is substituted for the dead infant. Five years later a series of deaths lead the boy's parents to suspect their son has supernatural powers.

**2.55 Flight of the Phoenix**  
Action adventure remake starring Dennis Quaid. Pilot Frank Towns is sent to pick up an oil-well crew in Mongolia, but on the way back to Beijing he flies into a huge sandstorm. The plane crash-lands in the Gobi desert. The situation is looking grim for the survivors, when one of their number makes a crazy suggestion.

**4.45 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures**  
Featuring paper sculpture, decoupage and embroidery.

**5.05 Small Animal Hospital**  
John Barrowman helps to train a rebellious puppy.

**Channel5**

**5.15 Milkshake**

**10.00 World's Strongest Man**  
Action from the second heat in Los Angeles

**11.00 Carry On Sergeant**  
Comedy starring William Hartnell and Bob Monkhouse

**12.50 The Glenn Miller Story**  
Musical biographical drama starring James Stewart and June Allyson Young. Glenn Miller forms a band and begins searching for the sound that Will make him a household name.

**3.05 The Dam Busters**  
Classic wartime drama about the audacious RAF mission to destroy the Ruhr dams with "bouncing" bombs.

**5.35 What the Dambusters Did Next**  
Chronicling the missions undertaken by the RAF's 617 Squadron after the famous May 1943 raids on the Ruhr and Eder valleys, exploits which were immortalised in The Dam Busters.

**7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!**  
4/10 Series 2. A debtor who is refusing to pay Brian and Graham suddenly comes up with a surprising solution.

**8.00 World's Strongest Man**  
8/11. The third heat takes place in Los Angeles, where Brit Eddie Hall competes against five other titans.

**9.00 The Rock**  
Action thriller when a disaffected war hero takes hold of the island of Alcatraz and threatens to use chemical warfare to destroy San Francisco, a mild-mannered FBI biochemist and an ex-spy are called in to tackle the threat.

**11.50 Reservoir Dogs**  
Quentin Tarantino's violent crime drama. Crime boss Joe Cabot and his son employ six criminals to carry out a jewellery heist. When the robbery goes wrong, the gang returns to the arranged rendezvous, convinced there is a traitor among them.

**1.50 SuperCasino**  
Live gaming.

**3.10 World's Strongest Man**  
7/11. The second heat of the contest.

**4.00 Great Scientists**  
Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei.

**4.25 House Doctor**  
Double bill, from Kent and Glasgow.

**5.15 Wildlife SOS**  
The work of an animal sanctuary.

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# FESTIVE Television

Tuesday, December 30th



**The Parent Trap** C4 3.25pm  
Twins, Hallie and Annie, long for their family to be reunited, and set out to make it happen.

## Pirates of the Caribbean: at World's End

10.25pm BBC1

Elizabeth, Will and Barbossa join forces to rescue Jack Sparrow from Davy Jones's locker.



## BBC1

6.00 Breakfast

Naga Munchetty, Bill Turnbull.

9.00 Shark Tale

Animated comedy adventure featuring the voices of Will Smith and Robert De Niro. A celebrity-obsessed fish masquerades as a shark-killing hero.

10.25 Hotel for Dogs

Comedy starring Emma Roberts, Jake T Austin and Don Cheadle. A pair of orphaned children open a refuge for stray dogs.

12.00 Bargain Hunt

Wild swimmers v life guards.

1.00 BBC News

Weather; Regional News

1.25 Father Brown

An immobilised Fr Brown becomes an armchair sleuth when a WI member dies.

2.10 George of the Jungle

Comedy adventure starring Brendan Fraser and Leslie Mann. An infant is raised by gorillas in the African jungle.

3.35 Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade

Action adventure. The archaeologist sets out to find his father who has gone missing while searching for the Holy Grail.

5.35 BBC News

Regional News; Weather

6.05 Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted

Animated comedy adventure. The escaped zoo animals are still trying to find their way home, but run into trouble with Animal Control while partying in Monte Carlo.

7.30 EastEnders

Ronnie puts her plan into action, and a familiar face returns to the Square.

8.00 Holby City

Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot. Dominic gets trapped in a lift with an old acquaintance. Mo turns to Mr Thompson when she discovers Adele is taking Jesse to a family wedding.

9.00 Mapp and Lucia

2/3. Mapp is still reeling from Lucia's victory at the fete, so when the summer art exhibition approaches and Lucia hopes to prove her talent, Mapp tries to exert her influence by starting a new exercise trend. Continues tomorrow 9pm.

10.00 BBC News

Regional News; Weather

10.25 Pirates of the Caribbean: at World's End

Swashbuckling fantasy adventure sequel starring Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Geoffrey Rush and Keira Knightley. Elizabeth, Will and Barbossa join forces with Captain Sao Feng to rescue Jack Sparrow from Davy Jones's locker.

1.00 The Hand That Rocks the Cradle  
Thriller starring Annabella Sciorra and Rebecca De Mornay.

2.45 Weather for the Week Ahead

2.50 BBC News

## BBC2

6.15 Sign Zone

Secrets of the Castle with Ruth, Peter and Tom. 1/5 A project to build a castle. 7.15 When Dinosaurs Ruled the Earth

Adventure with Victoria Vetrl and Robin Hawdon

8.50 Coast Australia In Queensland

9.40 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip  
Thespians Hermione Norris and John Thomson compete.

10.40 Great Continental

Railway Journeys  
Michael Portillo travels to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

11.40 The Hairy Bikers

Asian Adventure  
Dave Myers and Si King's culinary tour arrives in Japan.

12.40 Robert Redford Talking Pictures  
An insight into the life of the Hollywood actor.

1.20 The Horse Whisperer

Drama starring Robert Redford and Kristin Scott Thomas. A cowboy uses his healing powers on a teenager and her horse after an accident leaves them traumatised.

4.00 Big Dreams, Small Spaces

2/5. Monty Don lends a green-fingered hand to truck driver Gary who has ambitious plans to make a garden for his girlfriend and family to enjoy.

5.00 Wild Brazil

2/3. The monsoons arrive and the giant otter cubs must learn to swim ahead of their river flooding.

6.00 Flop It!

In Bognor Regis, Charlie Ross spots a diamond ring and a glass vase with an illustrious name.

6.30 Nature's Weirdest Events

2/3. Chris Packham investigates reports of fish "walking" out of the water in Florida, and bees in France that are making multicoloured honey.

7.30 Christmas University Challenge

7/10. In the last of the first-round matches, the Manchester Metropolitan University team, which includes actors Bernard Hill and John Thomson, takes on a quartet representing Goldsmiths, University of London that boasts Radio 4 newreader Corrie Corfield and singer/songwriter Neil Innes. Jeremy Paxman hosts.

8.00 Sacred Wonders of Britain  
Neil Oliver investigates the hallowed sites of ancient Britain, looking at how people expressed their religious beliefs by reshaping the landscape around them. He begins by examining the very first stirrings of religion, visiting Nottinghamshire to view clues to a world of magic and ritual etched into the rock of Creswell Crags by Ice Age hunters.

9.00 Snow Wolf Family & Me

Gordon Buchanan returns to the Canadian Arctic in autumn as he concludes his quest to discover whether wolves deserve their reputation as feared predators. He catches up with his white wolf family as they endeavour to raise their pups and prepare for winter. Gordon also accompanies them as they hunt for lemmings, muskox and hares, and encounter a rival pack.

10.00 Charlie Brooker's 2014 Wipe

The satirist casts a withering gaze over the biggest and most bizarre events of the past 12 months in the news, film, TV and social media. When tipping a bucket of ice over your head was seen as a mark of moral seriousness, he isn't short of material for his splendidly dyspeptic diatribes.

11.00 Dave Allen: the Immaculate Selection

A plethora of sketches and gags feature in a compilation of the comedian's finest moments from his years at the BBC from 1971 to 1986.

12.00 Backchat

With Jack Whitehall and His Dad The best bits of the comedy chat show.

12.45 Spellbound

Psychological thriller starring Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck. A psychiatrist falls for a man she believes to be an impostor.

2.35 Sign Zone

2.35 World's Greatest Food Markets  
3/3. Roger Barton heads to New Delhi's Azadpur food market.

3.35 Doctor Who

Clara and the Doctor end up trapped on an Arctic base under attack.

## ITV1

6.00 Dinner Date

Kevin from Birmingham

7.00 Good Morning Britain

Honeysuckle Weeks talks about the new series of Foyle's War

8.30 Lorraine

With singer Ella Henderson.

9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show

Heated debate

10.30 Judge Rinder

Robert Rinder presides.

11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes

Tuna Malone hosts a dinner party for a quartet of guests.

12.25 All Star Family Fortunes

Tina Hobley and Andrew Castle compete.

1.10 ITV News

Regional News, Weather

1.20 Secret Dealers

The antiques experts bid for five gold half sovereigns on nine carat mounts.

2.20 The Queen's Garden

1/2 Buckingham Palace's gardens.

3.20 From Russia with Love

James Bond adventure starring Sean Connery. Agent 007 is sent to Istanbul to help a beautiful Russian diplomat defect to the West with a cipher machine. How even Bond is unaware that he's being drawn into a trap laid by criminal organisation Spectre.

5.35 The Chase

Four contestants take on the Chasers.

6.30 Regional News

Weather

6.40 ITV News

weather

7.00 Emmerdale

Nicola finds the courage to tell Jimmy Ryden his news, before dropping another bombshell on him.

7.30 Wilderness Walks

with Ray Mears

6/6. Isle of Skye. Ray's final journey takes him to the rugged Inner Hebrides, where he hopes to catch an enthralling glimpse of Britain's rarest bird of prey.

8.00 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2

Fantasy adventure, the final part of JK Rowling's saga. Harry continues his search for the magical Horcruxes, the key to the evil Lord Voldemort's immortality. Acting on information from the goblin Griphook, Harry is led to the vault of Voldemort's ally Bellatrix Lestrange before returning to Hogwarts for a final confrontation with his archenemy.

10.30 ITV News

Weather; Regional Weather

10.45 Birds of a Feather

1/8 Series 11. Birds on a Plane. Dorien treats Sharon and Tracey to a holiday.

11.15 American Gangster

Biographical crime drama. Following the death of his mentee Frank Lucas establishes himself as the number one distributor of heroin in the US by coming up with a unique new method of importing. But then he attracts the attention of detective Richie Roberts.

1.55 Jackpot241

Interactive gaming.

3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA

3.40 Nightscreen

Text Information

5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show

## Channel4

5.30 The Parent Trap

Comedy with Maureen O'Hara and Hayley Mills. Twins Sharon and Susan plan to get their parents back together. The 1998 version is at 3.25pm

7.45 Freaky Friday

Body swap comedy starring Barbara Harris and Jodie Foster. A mother and her teenage daughter switch bodies for a day.

9.30 The Big Bang Theory

10.55 Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back

12.30pm The Simpsons

Four episodes

2.25 Deal or No Deal: Merry Christmas

3.25 The Parent Trap

Disney comedy drama. Eleven-year-olds Hallie and Annie discover they are twin sisters, separated years earlier as a result of their parents' divorce. The twins long for their family to be reunited, and set out to make it happen.

6.00 The Simpsons

D'oh-in' in the Wind. Homer gets high.

6.30 Hollyoaks

Lindsey and Freddie learn of DS Thorpe's plan.

1.00 Channel 4 News

Sport; Weather

7.05 Come Dine with Me

Actress Helen Flanagan hopes to win cash for charity with her sparkly culinary efforts. But she's up against presenter Kirsten O'Brien, who offers a Scandinavian evening, comic Mark Dand and his Dickensian Christmas - replete with a three-bird roast, and Happy Mondays frontman Shaun Ryden who hosts a "Madchester" evening.

8.00 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent

New series. 1/6 Series 8. The property guru helps more frustrated house sellers, heading first for Hereford then Gloucester. Nick and Carolyn have recently separated and are desperate to sell their house, while Lorna and Stuart need a bigger place for their growing family.

9.00 David Blaine: Real or Magic

The illusionist performs mind-boggling tricks for a host of celebrities, including Will Smith, Kanye West, Ricky Gervais and Stephen Hawking.

10.20 The Look of Love

Biographical comedy drama starring Steve Coogan. Entrepreneur Paul Raymond went from small-time variety performer to one of the richest men in Britain after building an empire based on adult entertainment and pornography. But did wealth and a flamboyant life of excess really bring him true happiness?

12.20 Damien - Omen II

Horror sequel starring William Holden and Lee Grant.

2.10 If...

Satirical drama starring Malcolm McDowell as a rebellious pupil at a public school.

4.05 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent

The property expert heads to Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex.

5.10 Secret Eaters

Helping a factory manager.

5.55 Small Animal Hospital

## Channel5

6.00 Milkshake

9.35 World's Strongest Man

8/11 Brut Eddie Hall competes against five other titans in LA.

10.35 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies

Casey the husky is hoping for a new life.

11.35 Fun In Acapulco

Musical starring Elvis and Ursula Andress. A hotel lifeguard becomes involved in a love triangle.

1.35 Close Encounters of the Third Kind

Steven Spielberg's Collector's Edition of his SCI fi drama with Richard Dreyfuss. An electrical engineer encounters a UFO while investigating an extensive power failure in Indiana.

4.15 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Musical fantasy. An inventor restores a racing car with the help of his father and two children.

7.00 Can't Play? We'll Take It Away!

5/10 Series 2. High Court enforcement officers Paul, Steve and Ben make a shocking discovery at a home in Essex, while Brian and Graham try to negotiate with a debtor who refuses to talk to them.

7.55 5 News

8.00 World's Strongest Man

9/11. The fourth and penultimate heat at the Commerce Casino in Los Angeles, which featured three-time champion Zydrunas Savickas.

9.00 Elvis by the Presleys

The channels Elvis Day curls its lip in tribute to "the King", continuing with this intimate glimpse into his family life, as former wife Priscilla and their daughter Lisa Marie reveal what it was like to share a home with the rock 'n' roll legend. There's also exclusive home-movie footage and private photographs from the Presley archives, as well as excerpts of vintage performances by Elvis in his prime.

11.00 Elvis: '68 Comeback Special

Presley proved he wasn't ready to relinquish his rock 'n' roll crown in this, his first live performance in more than eight years. Accompanied by musical sidekicks including guitarist Scotty Moore, he rips through a set of classic tracks including Heartbreak Hotel, Hound Dog, All Shook Up, Jailhouse Rock, Don't Be Cruel and Can't Help Falling in Love.

12.00 Autopsy: The Last Hours of Elvis Presley

A forensic investigation into Elvis's death, at the age of 42.

1.00 SuperCasino

Interactive gaming.

3.10 World's Strongest Man

8/11 The third heat from Los Angeles.

4.00 Nick's Quest

Nick travels to Venezuela to find the world's largest snake.

4.20 House Doctor

Decluttering a Victorian villa in Garesborough, Argyl and Bute.

4.45 House Doctor

Top tips from past episodes.

5.10 House Doctor

A Kensal Green garden flat.

5.35 Wildlife SOS



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FESTIVE  
Television

Wednesday, December 31st



**Alan Carr's New Year Spectacular**  
C4 9.00pm

The cheeky comedian unleashes a blend of celebrity chitchat, unconventional games and hilarious sketches as 2014 draws to a close.



**Ratatouille**  
1.10pm BBC1

Remy, an idealistic and ambitious young rat, travels to Paris to fulfil his dreams of becoming a cook.

**BBC1**

**6.00 Breakfast**  
Naga Munchetty, Bull Turnbull

**9.00 The Cat in the Hat**  
A grant talking feline (Mike Myers) causes chaos in two bored kids home in this fantasy comedy.

**10.15 Eight Below**  
Eight sled dogs must fight for their survival after they are left alone in Antarctica.

**12.05 Bargain Hunt**  
From Derby

**12.50 BBC News**  
Regional News, Weather

**1.10 Ratatouille**  
Animated Pixar comedy about a young country rat who travels to Paris to seek his destiny as the best chef in all of France.

**2.50 Monsters vs Aliens**  
Animated sci-fi comedy in which a woman who is struck by a meteorite develops special powers and finds herself defending Earth. ?

**4.15 Top of the Pops New Year**  
Ferne Cotton and Reggie Yates review the year in music, featuring the final number one of 2014 and performances by Clean Bandit, Ed Sheeran, George Ezra, the Vamps, Ella Henderson, the Script, Professor Green, Labrinth and Charli XCX.

**5.20 Pointless Celebrities**  
With Tim Brooke-Taylor and John Bird, Roy Burdis and Don Warrington, Dom Joly and Robert Llewellyn, and Rhona Cameron and Richard Herring.

**6.05 BBC News**  
Regional News; Weather

**6.35 Celebrity Mastermind**  
6/10. John Humphrys hosts as Kate Thornton, Tony Law, Steve Pemberton and Harry Shearer take the hot seat.

**7.05 Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull**  
Period action adventure starring Harrison Ford, Cate Blanchett and Shia LaBeouf. Nevada in the late 1950s: intrepid archaeologist Indiana Jones embarks on a series of adventures that will take him deep into the Amazon jungle in search of a mysterious crystal skull.

**9.00 Mapp and Lucia**  
Susan Wylie MBE Pippa Haywood 3/3. Miss Lucia decides to take Tilling's cultural welfare in hand by beginning a series of musical evenings, although Mapp is curious to notice the odd moon from the locals.

**10.00 BBC News**  
Weather

**10.15 The Graham Norton Show**  
Graham invites a line-up of A-list guests to huddle up on the sofa.

**11.15 Queen and Adam Lambert Rock Big Ben Live**  
Brian May and Roger Taylor join forces with US singer Adam Lambert at Central Hall Westminster bringing in the new year with a concert of Queen's greatest hits. Continues at 12.10am

**11.55 New Year's Eve Fireworks**  
The Thames Embankment provides a selfie-friendly backdrop as London welcomes the new Susie Ligat year with a dazzling display over the river.

**12.10 Queen and Adam Lambert Rock Big Ben Live**  
The rock festivities continue as Queen and Adam Lambert play their first gig of 2015.

**12.30 Mrs Brown's Boys**  
The dotting mother gets a new house guest.

**1.10 John Bishop Live: Elvis Has Left the Building**  
The comedian performs at Liverpool's Empire Theatre.

**2.20 Old School**  
Comedy starring Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell and Vince Vaughn. Three 30-something buddies try to recapture the fun of their college years.

**3.50 Weather for the Week**  
3.55 BBC News

**BBC2**

**6.10 Sign Zone**  
Secrets of the Castle with Ruth, Peter and Tom.

**7.10 Natural World Empire of the Desert Ants**  
A honey ant queen's rise to power.

**8.10 Saboteur**  
Spy thriller starring Robert Cummings and Priscilla Lane.

**9.55 Alfred Hitchcock Talking Pictures**  
A look at the television appearances made by the director.

**10.35 Shadow of a Doubt**  
Classic thriller starring Joseph Cotten and Teresa Wright.

**12.20 The Hairy Bikers Asian Adventure**  
Dave and Si are entertained by a geisha in Kyoto.

**1.20 Becoming Jane**  
Fledgling writer Jane Austen (Anne Hathaway) becomes romantically involved with a penniless lawyer (James McAvoy)

**3.10 Coast Australia**  
Exploring why Bells Beach in Victoria produces perfect waves.

**4.00 Big Dreams, Small Spaces**  
3/5. Monty Don braces himself to tackle a plot ravaged by salty winds on the south coast and gets to work on a mountainside garden in Snowdonia.

**5.00 Wild Brazil**  
3/3. After the floods of the wet season, a fierce drought soon leads to huge and ferocious fires. The capuchin monkeys, giant otters, coatis and jaguars, race to breed so that their young can be born during the next period between climatic extremes.

**6.00 Flog It!**  
Catherine Southon and Mark Stacey are in Bodmin. Plus the ancient sport of Cornish wrestling.

**7.00 Tigers about the House: What Happened Next**  
1/2. As we catch up with Sumatran tiger cubs Spot and Stripe at Queensland's Australia Zoo, they are nearly a year old and under the care of surrogate dad Giles Clark. But the tiger experts work is made more difficult by Spot's near blindness. Giles and his family also take a trip to Indonesia, where orangutans and elephants are among the animals they encounter. And in Sumatra, they decide to leave the lasting legacy of an enclosure that will allow elephants to fully socialise.

**8.00 Christmas University Challenge**  
8/10. Jeremy Paxman asks the questions as two teams, each made up of four distinguished graduates, compete on behalf of their former universities in the first semi-final of the academic quiz's festive series.

**8.30 The Help**  
Oscar-winning drama starring Emma Stone. In 1960s Mississippi, "Skeeter" Phelan returns home from college determined to become a writer. But when she decides to document the experiences of black housemaids working for prominent white families, it rocks the community on both sides of town.

**10.50 Mock the Week**  
Ed Byrne, Sara Pascoe and James Acaster are among those featuring in this special New Year's Eve edition of the comedy quiz, hosted by Dara O Briain.

**11.20 Jools's Annual Hootenanny**  
It wouldn't be the end of another year without Mr Holland having a singsong around the old joanna with the starriest line-up in town. Hitting the high notes are the likes of Ronnie Spector Ruby Turner Ellie Goulding, Paloma Faith, Joss Stone and Clean Bandit with Jess Glynne, and taking the lower ones are Ed Sheeran, Boz Scaggs, Paolo Nutini, William Bell and Wilko Johnson. The hillbilly-esque reworkings of classic rock tunes by Hayseed Dixie will get heels kicking up, while the 1st Battalion Scots Guards mark that midnight moment.

**1.35 Glastonbury 2014 Highlights**  
Some of the best performances from the festival.

**ITV1**

**6.00 Dinner Date**  
Joel from Manchester.

**7.00 Good Morning Britain**  
Sir David Attenborough chats about his new series Conquest of the Skies.

**8.30 Lorraine**  
Entertainment and fashion.

**9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show**  
Studio conflict

**10.30 Judge Rinder**  
Courtroom cases

**11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?**  
Footballer Wes Brown plays the mystery host at a dinner party.

**12.25 All Star Family Fortunes**  
With Rav Wilding from Crimewatch and Taggart's Blythe Duff.

**1.10 ITV News**  
Weather

**1.20 Secret Dealers**  
Items include a grotesque fish vase and a diamond cluster ring.

**2.20 The Queen's Garden**  
2/2 Alan Titchmarsh discovers all manner of animal visitors to Buckingham.

**3.25 Goldfinger**  
James Bond adventure in which 007 takes on ruthless criminal Auric Goldfinger a man with an appetite for gold and a desire to become the most powerful man on Earth.

**5.35 The Chase**  
Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh.

**6.30 Regional News**  
Weather

**6.45 ITV News**  
weather

**7.00 Emmerdale**  
Belle panics at the stables as she realises one of her pills is missing.

**7.30 Coronation Street**  
Liz tells Steve he can borrow from the Rovers' account to pay his staff. David lets Michael move into No 8.

**8.00 Rita and Me**  
It's half a century since Barbara Knox first brought Coronation Street's red-headed Rita so vividly to life, and she's been one of the most popular characters ever since. Barbara looks back on her care-en as well as the role that has brought her such acclaim.

**9.00 A Funny Old Year**  
As Jason Manfred takes a comical look at the highs and lows of 2014, the great and the good (and not so good) can expect to be the butt of a non-stop riot of jokes.

**10.00 Tommy Cooper: Not like That, like This**  
David Threlfall takes on the role of the comedian and magician who won an unrivalled place in the nation's affections. However Cooper struggled with both alcohol and his inner demons and he spent his last 17 years torn between two women.

**11.55 ITV News**  
Weather; New Year's Bongs

**12.10 Carry On Camping**  
Comedy starring Sidney James. When Sid and Bernie take their girlfriends on holiday, they think they're off to a nudist colony - but they couldn't be more wrong.

**1.40 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA**  
2.25 Nightscreen  
Text information.

**5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show**

**Channel4**

**6.20 How I Met Your Mother**  
**7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond**  
**7.00 The Valley of Gwangi**  
Fantasy adventure about the discovery of a valley where time has stood still.

**9.20 The Brady Bunch Movie**  
Comedy inspired by the 1970s TV series, with Shelley Long and Gary Cole.

**11.00 The Big Bang Theory**  
Leonard agrees to accompany Amy to a wedding.

**11.25 The Simpsons**  
Double bill

**12.25 Five Children and It**  
Period fantasy. A fairy has the power to grant five children's wishes but there is mischief behind his magic.

**2.15 Home Alone 3**  
Comedy sequel. Alex is at home sick, but he's not going to be alone for long. A stolen computer chip is hidden in one of his toys and four spies are determined to get it back.

**4.20 Fantastic Mr Fox**  
Animated comedy adventure Following the birth of their son Mr Fox agrees to keep his word to his wife that his wild days are behind him. But when the family moves to a home overlooking the farms of Boggis Bunce and Bean Mr Fox is tempted to resume his old ways

**6.00 The Simpsons**  
Lisa Gets an A After being off sick Lisa resorts to cheating to pass a school exam.

**6.30 Hollyoaks**  
A desperate Nancy puts herself in danger.

**7.30 Channel 4 News**  
Sport, weather

**8.00 Frozen at Christmas**  
Disney's Frozen has become the highest grossing animated film in the history of the genre. This examination of one of the biggest cultural phenomena of 2014 explores the depths of obsession exhibited by its legion of fans.

**9.00 Alan Carr's New Year Spectacular**  
The cheeky comedian unleashes a blend of celebrity chitchat unconventional games and hilarious sketches as the year begins to ticktock to a close Jonathan Ross, Gok Wan, Alesha Dixon, Seann Walsh, Mark Wright, James Corden and throwing themselves gamely into the mayhem while Tulisa Costantavlos and Professor Green try to get their music heard above the din.

**11.05 Fifty Funniest Moments 2014**  
In this countdown of unintentionally hilarious clips from the last year famous faces from sport politics TV and music are left red faced Irresistible moments include the former leader of the BNP giving cookery lessons the fisticuffs between Justin Bieber and Orlando Bloom and inevitably Labour leader Ed Miliband eating a bacon sandwich.

**1.05 C4's 30 Greatest Comedy Shows**  
Celebrating the stations most impressive series.

**2.55 The IT Crowd**  
1/6 Series 3 Jen has to deal with a difficult bullter Meanwhile Roy loses some money

**3.20 The IT Crowd**  
2/6. Roy and Moss revel in their masculinity when they discover a new football website.

**3.50 Phil Spencer Secret Agent**  
A Reigate property that looks more like a sauna than a house.

**4.45 Kirsties Handmade Treasures**  
Kirstie Allsopp enters a cake in the Devon County Show.

**4.55 Secret Eaters**  
A couple who have put on more than eight stone between them in four years

**5.50 How I met Your Mother**  
Marshall becomes terrified of his boss

**Channel5**

**6.00 Milkshake**  
**10.10 World's Strongest Man**  
9/11 Action from the fourth and penultimate heat.

**11.10 Carry On Regardless**  
The familiar faces get up to all kinds of mischief at a chaotic employment agency.

**1.00 The Vikings**  
Epic adventure starring Tony Curtis. The family ties between slave Enc and warrior Elnar are closer than they know.

**3.10pm The Dirty Dozen**  
Second World War adventure. Major Reisman's mission to lead a covert operation is a tough one; especially when his team is made up of 12 convicted prisoners.

**6.05 Tommy Cooper's Christmas Special**  
Classic skits and sketches from 1974, featuring music by Dana and Vic Damone and a guest appearance by puppeteer André Tahon.

**7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!**  
6/10 Series 2. The police are on hand as High Court enforcement officers Paul, Steve and Ben evict a group of up to 70 squatters who have barricaded themselves inside a large office block in central London.

**7.55 5 News**  
**8.00 World's Strongest Man**  
10/11. Action from the fifth and final heat in Los Angeles, which features defending champion Brian Shaw and Britain's Graham Hicks.

**9.00 Britain's Favourite Sitcoms**  
Prepare to have your ribs tickled in this countdown of clips from the nation's favourite TV comedies from both sides of the Atlantic - as voted for in an online poll. Classic moments from hits such as Fawlty Towers, Only Fools and Horses, Cheers, Father Ted and The Inbetweeners are just some of the surefire smashes on the menu. Mel Giedroyc narrates the compilation.

**12.00 The Abba Years**  
The story of the Swedish supergroup, featuring interviews with the four band members.

**1.00 SuperCasino**  
Live gaming.

**3.10 World's Strongest Man**  
9/11. The fourth heat from Los Angeles.

**4.00 Great Scientists**  
Charles Darwin's epoch-making theory of evolution.

**4.25 Chinese Food in Minutes**  
Sea bass steamed in wine, and a spicy beef dish.

**4.30 Chinese Food in Minutes**  
Ching-He Huang teaches two rugby players to prepare oriental dishes.

**4.45 House Doctor**  
A bungalow in Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.

**5.10 House Doctor**  
Ann Maurice visits a three-bedroom property in Spennymoon Durham.

**5.35 Wildlife SOS**

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# FESTIVE Television

Thursday, January 1st



## The Dark Knight

ITV1 9.00pm

Can Gotham City's very own masked protector foil the Joker's 'deadly serious' plan?

## The Wizard of Oz

4.10pm C4

Dorothy must escape the clutches of the Wicked Witch of the West and find her way to the Emerald City.



## BBC1\*

6.00 Breakfast

With Charlie Stacht.

9.00 Bee Movie

Animated comedy with the voice of Jerry Seinfeld. A bee sees humankind.

10.25 Over the Hedge

Animated comedy adventure with the voice of Bruce Willis. A raccoon cons a tribe of animals into stealing food.

11.40 Life Story: the Full Circle

David Attenborough presents a compilation of spectacular moments from the natural history series.

12.45 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message

The Most Rev Justin Welby delivers his annual address.

12.50 BBC News

Weather; Regional News

1.10 The Boy in the Dress

David Walliams's comedy drama

2.10 Mary Poppins

Musical comedy starring Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke. A magical nanny takes care of two children.

4.25 The Adventures of Tintin: the Secret of the Unicorn

Animated action adventure. When intrepid boy reporter Tintin buys a model ship of the Unicorn, he soon finds himself the target of sinister forces. Tintin's curiosity leads him in search of legendary pirate treasure in the company of his dog Snowy, detective duo Thompson and Thomson and blustering seadog Captain Haddock.

6.05 BBC News

Regional News; Weather

6.30 Roald Dahl's Esio Trot

Judi Dench and Dustin Hoffman star in a dramatisation of Roald Dahl's tale in which retired bachelor Mr Hoppy hatches a plan to win the heart of his neighbour Mrs Silver.

8.00 Miranda

The Final Curtain. It's the last-ever episode of the sitcom. Will Miranda's on-again-off-again romance with Gary finally be brought to a satisfactory conclusion?

8.30 EastEnders

A swathe of secrets and lies ensures that the new year gets off to an explosive start for many of the residents.

9.35 Mrs Brown's Boys

Mammy's Gamble. In the second of two festive episodes, Buster installs an alarm system in Agnes's house, with predictably shambolic results. Agnes puts on her best poker face when she plays against old rival Hillary.

10.35 Match of the Day

Highlights include Tottenham's clash with Chelsea and Arsenal's visit to Southampton.

12.10 Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga: Cheek to Cheek

Live! The unlikely duo sing jazz.

1.05 Road Trip.

Comedy starring Breckin Meyer and Seann William Scott. Student Josh heads off cross country to intercept a compromising videotape.

2.35 Skiing Weatherview

2.40 BBC News

## BBC2\*

6.15 The Great Interior Design Challenge

In west London.

7.15 Close Calls: on Camera

A jockey's horrific fall. 7.45 Alec Guinness Talking Pictures A profile.

8.30 The Lavender Hill Mob

Crime comedy starring Alec Guinness. A bank worker plans to steal a million pounds in gold bars.

9.50 A Hard Day's Night

Musical comedy starring the Beatles in their movie debut. The Fab Four embark on a train journey to London for a TV show.

11.15 New Year's Day Vienna Concert Zubin Mehta returns to the Musikverein to conduct the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra's performances of the Strauss family's music. Plus the Vienna State Ballet.

12.50 Snow Wolf Family and Me 1/2. Gordon Buchanan heads to the Arctic.

1.50 Snow Wolf Family and Me The cameraman follows the wolf family as it prepares for winter.

2.50 Galaxy Quest

Sci-fi spoof starring Tim Allen. Sci-fi actors encounter real-life aliens.

4.25 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message

A reflection by the Most Rev Justin Welby.

4.30 Final Score

A round-up of the classified results and this afternoon's news from the Premier League and Scotland.

5.30 Force 10 from Navarone

Second World War drama. Sent on a mission to Yugoslavia to blow up a bridge essential to the German war effort, a crack squad of soldiers is hindered by leaked information. The unit's leader then begins to suspect that someone is a double agent.

7.30 Tigers about the House: What Happened Next

2/2. On a road trip through the jungle of Indonesia, the Clark family encounter a wonderful array of wildlife - but also the brutal reality of tiger poaching. Back at home, cubs Spot and Stripe are growing up fast and need to be guided carefully as they approach adulthood.

8.30 Christmas University Challenge

Two teams of distinguished graduates compete on behalf of their former universities in the second semi-final of the academic quiz. Jeremy Paxman hosts.

9.00 Quartet

Comedy drama based on Ronald Harwood's play. At the Beecham House retirement home for opera singers, the occasion of Verdi's birthday is always marked by a special fund-raising concert. But this year the arrival of one particular grande dame throws preparations into chaos.

10.30 Julie Walters: a Life on Screen

The acclaimed actress chats about her career, from her beginnings in theatre through to her successes in TV and film. With contributions by Victoria Wood, Celia Imrie and Hugh Bonneville.

11.30 Mock the Week

Dara O Briain and the team round off the year with selection of out-takes, quizzes and clips featuring guests such as Ed Byrne and Sara Pascoe.

12.05 Frenzy

Thriller with Jon Finch and Barry Foster. London is terrorised by a series of "necktie murders" and when a body is found in the Thames, the police establish that it's another victim of the killer. Suspicion falls on an ex-RAF officer and a personal tragedy makes his guilt seem all the more certain.

1.55 Stick It

Sports comedy starring Jeff Bridges and Missy Peregrym. Hard-nosed gymnastics coach Burt Vickerman reluctantly takes on problem teenager Haley Graham when a juvenile court orders her to attend Vickerman's academy in Houston.

## ITV1\*

6.00 CITV

8.25 Dinner Date

9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show

10.20 Judge Rinder

Real-life cases.

11.20 Who's Doing the Dishes?

Today's surprise dinner host is actress Tricia Penrose.

12.25 All Star Family Fortunes

Nadia Sawalha and Jane Cox take part with their clans.

1.25 ITV News

Weather

1.35 Secret Dealers

A 1920s lacquer box.

2.35 You've Been Framed!

Comical clips.

3.05 Thunderball

Oscar-winning spy adventure. A Nato aircraft has been stolen by criminal organisation Spectre and the world is under threat from its nuclear payload. James Bond is assigned to the case and the trail leads to the sinister Emilio Largo.

5.45 Rita and Me

Fifty years after Barbara Knox's first appearance on Coronation Street, this portrait looks back at Rita's greatest moments.

6.45 ITV News

Weather

7.00 New You've Been Framed!

At Christmas

A saucy robotic Santa gives away a little too much and a squirrel is trained to sabotage the neighbours' Christmas lights. With Harry Hill.

1.30 Emmerdale

Belle and Lachlan are heading down a perilous path. Finn struggles to admit the truth to his family, while David's plan to impress Jacob backfires.

8.30 Birds of a Feather

2/8 Series 2. There's Something about Sharon hen Sharon's high IQ is discovered, Dorien pushes her down an unlikely career path. Tracey is kept occupied by a despondent Garth.

9.00 The Dark Knight

Oscar-winning action fantasy. Now that Gotham City has its very own masked protection the heads of the underworld are finding it increasingly difficult to operate. But then they receive an offer they can't refuse from a garishly attired criminal called the Joker. Meanwhile, Bruce Wayne's former girlfriend Rachel Dawes has started a relationship with DA Harvey Dent, who is pursuing his own crusade against crime in Gotham.

11.55 ITV News

weather

12.00 The Cube

Police constable Kelly thinks she's tough enough to get through the challenges.

12.50 Jackpot247

Interactive gaming.

3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA

3.40 Nightscreen

Text information.

5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show

## Channel4\*

6.15 The Three Worlds of Gulliver

Fantasy adventure starring Kerwin Mathews.

7.55 The 7th Voyage of Sinbad

Fantasy adventure starring Kerwin Mathews. Sinbad and his crew rescue a sorcerer from the clutches of a cyclops.

9.45 The Big Bang Theory

Double bill.

10.40 The Simpsons

Cartoon capers.

11.10 The Last Mimzy

Sci-fi fantasy adventure starring Timothy Hutton. Two children find a toy rabbit that can communicate telepathically.

1.00 LIVE Racing

Starts from Cheltenham are at 1.20, 1.55, 2.30 and 3.05, and from Musselburgh at 1.35 and 2.10. Nick Luck presents.

3.30 Guy Martin's Passion for Life

Away from the media glare, this documentary offers a snapshot of some of the Isle of Man TT competitor's favourite things.

4.00 Channel 4 News;

Sport; Weather

4.10 The Wizard of Oz

Classic musical fantasy. When a huge tornado hits Dorothy's home in Kansas, she is whisked off far away into a strange and dazzling world. There she must escape the clutches of the Wicked Witch of the West and find her way to the Emerald City.

6.10 Sister Act

Comedy. After seeing her gangster boyfriend Vince LaRocca murder an informant, cabaret singer Deloris Van Cartier becomes a marked woman. When she agrees to testify against Vince, Deloris is sent by the police to hide in a San Francisco convent where she has trouble adapting to the nuns' way of life.

8.00 Snow White and the Huntsman

Fantasy adventure. Snow White is on the run from her evil stepmother who has sent a group of men into the woods to capture her. But the huntsman leading the search learns that he is also a victim of the Queen's duplicity and aims to protect the girl - even if she seems quite capable of looking after herself.

10.30 Rude Tube Welcome to 2015

Alex Zane introduces his selection of the top 100 greatest internet clips uploaded over the course of the past year encompassing everything from the humorous and bizarre to the truly excruciating. Will a raving blast from New Year past or the incredible spider dog prank hit the top spot?

12.35 The Godfather

Francis Ford Coppola's epic Oscar-winning crime drama, starring Marlon Brando, Al Pacino and James Caan. In New York following the Second World War Don Corleone is determined that his family should keep control of the US crime world. English, Italian +subtitles.

3.30 Trans World Sport

Including an interview with former tennis star Goran Ivanisevic.

4.30 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent

The property expert helps a couple in West Yorkshire.

5.25 Hugh's Three Good Things: Best Bites

Pears are the stars of three wonderful dishes.

5.40 Small Animal Hospital

Honey the golden retriever has a severe limp.

## Channel5\*

6.00 Milkshake!

9.45 Access

10.00 World's Strongest Man

10/11. Heat five.

11.00 The Dam Busters

War-time drama starring Richard Todd and Michael Redgrave.

1.25 The Italian Job

Comedy crime caper starring Michael Caine.

3.30 Ben-Hur

Oscar-winning period epic. Wealthy prince Judah Ben-Hur combats the tyranny of his Roman masters at the time of Christ, and is condemned to almost certain death as a galley slave by his childhood friend Messala. But the two men are fated to meet again.

7.30 Hercules the Human Bear

In 1976 Andy and Maggie Robin bought a grizzly bear cub called Hercules from a zoo in Aviemore, in the Highlands, who went on to become a star of TV and films. This study of their 25-year friendship feature extensive home-movie footage and recalls the time he went missing for 24 days in the Outer Hebrides.

8.30 World's Strongest Man

11/1. The last dozen men standing risk doing themselves all kinds of mischief in this year's final in Los Angeles. After slugging it out in vein-bulging battles such as the vehicle pull and the keg toss, who will emerge as this year's victor?

9.30 5 News

9.35 White Dee: What's

All the Fuss About?

Dee Kelly found fame last year as the star of controversial series Benefits Street. Some hailed her as a working-class hero, but she was also labelled "the patron saint of drug addicts and dropouts". Here, Dee tells her own story and reveals how she has coped in the media spotlight.

10.35 Celeb Big Brother: the Good, the Bad and the Unforgettable

Ahead of the new series, Emma Willis looks back at memorable moments from the past 14 seasons. Remember George Galloway pretending to be a cat, or Lionel Blair in bondage gear? Former housemates including Jim Davidson, Kerry Katona and Vanessa Feltz are on hand to reminisce.

12.35 Jim Davidson:

At Least I'm Not Boring

The Celebrity Big Brother winner talks about his life and career.

1.35 SuperCasino

Live gaming.

3.10 World's Strongest Man

The fifth heat from Los Angeles.

4.00 Wildlife SOS

Double bill.

4.45 House Doctor

Double bill.

5.35 Wildlife SOS

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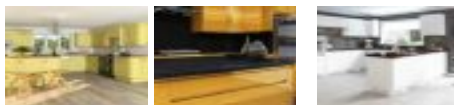
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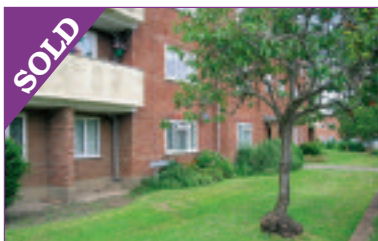
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TO LET

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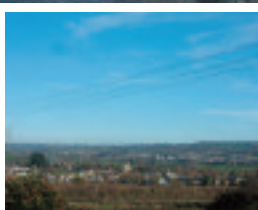
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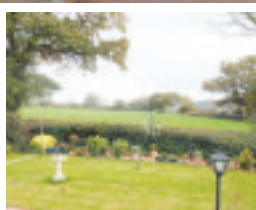


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- ◆ Four Bedroom Detached House
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- ◆ Garage and Off Road Parking
- ◆ Double glazing and GCH

**Mill View Gardens, Axminster****£229,950**

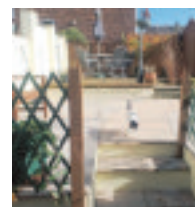
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- ◆ Kitchen/Dining Room
- ◆ Conservatory
- ◆ Bathroom & En-Suite
- ◆ Double Glazing and Underfloor Heating
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**Flax Meadow Lane, Axminster****£ 199,995****NHBC**

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**Millwey Avenue, Axminster****£174,950****NO CHAIN**

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- ◆ NO East Devon Restriction
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**Mead Way, Seaton****£169,950****3 BEDROOMS**

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**Axminster £530 pcm**

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**Whitford £975 pcm**

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**Membury £750 pcm**

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**Axminster £480 pcm**

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**Axminster £480 pcm**

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**Raymonds Hill £1,500 pcm**

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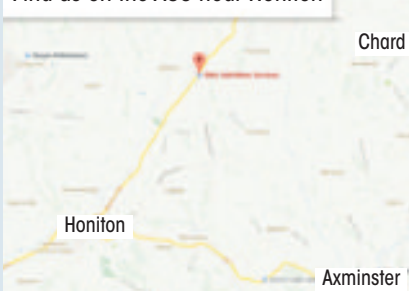
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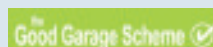


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## New Mini JCW Hatch Is Most Powerful Mini Ever!

THE hottest ticket in town at next month's Detroit Auto Show will be the new MINI John Cooper Works.

Packing the most powerful engine ever for a production MINI – a 2.0-litre TwinPower Turbo unit delivering 231 hp and 320 Nm – the JCW also draws on the brand's motorsport expertise with a package of suspension, brake, aerodynamic and interior modifications to deliver race-car sensations without losing sight of MINI's premium position.

Compared with the previous

MINI JCW, the new model delivers 10 per cent more power and 23 per cent more torque. This brings the 0-62 mph time down by 0.2 seconds to 6.3 seconds with the six-speed manual gearbox, and by 0.6 seconds to 6.1 seconds with the optional six-speed Steptronic sports transmission.

Equally impressive is the greatly improved driving flexibility, courtesy of the increased torque – acceleration from 50-75 mph is now 10 per cent quicker at 5.6 seconds, accompanied by an

emotive rasp from twin tailpipes of the sports exhaust.

In true MINI style, the driving fun does not involve any fuel consumption penalty. Combined consumption with the manual gearbox is 42.2 mpg, with CO2 emissions of 155 g/km. With the optional Steptronic sports transmission fuel economy improves by 20 per cent to 49.5 mpg, with CO2 emissions of 133 g/km.

The suspension and the Servotronic electromechanical power steering have been tuned to allow drivers to exploit the new JCW's extra power and torque in complete safety, and there are newly developed four-piston Brembo brakes within 17-inch John Cooper Works Spoke light-alloy wheels. John Cooper Works 18-inch alloys are optional. Dynamic Stability Control (DSC), Dynamic Traction Control (DTC), Electronic Differential Lock Control (EDLC) and Performance Control allow drivers of all abilities to get maximum enjoyment from the car, and Dynamic Damper Control is an option.

The aerodynamic changes have

been designed with a purpose rather than for purely aesthetic reasons. A new front apron with large engine air intakes, distinctive side sills, a model-specific rear apron and a John Cooper

Works spoiler differentiate the JCW from the standard 3-Door MINI Hatch. The JCW also has LED headlamps with white indicators, wheel-arch surrounds and a unique radiator grille, side scuttles and tailgate with JCW badging. A new colour option, Rebel Green, is exclusive to the JCW.

JCW highlights of the sporty interior include exclusive bucket seats with integrated headrests in Dinamica/fabric, the sills, a multi-function steering wheel with shift paddles (in conjunction with Steptronic transmission), gear selector, instrument displays, stainless steel pedals and footrest, Driving

Excitement package and key.

Bespoke JCW personalisation options includes a model-specific MINI Head-Up display (with rev lights and gear indicator), Chili Red roof and door mirror covers,

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▲ New MINI JCW hatch

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## New 367ps Audi RS 3 Sportback Goes Back To The Future



▲ Return of the Audi RS 3 Sportback

WHEN world-beating car meets class-conquering engine, the formidable result is the all new 367PS Audi RS 3 Sportback. The DNA for the world's most powerful series production premium compact hatchback comes courtesy of the A3 hatchback – the 2014 World Car of the Year – and the latest evolution of the evocative 2.5-litre five-cylinder TFSI – the International Engine of the Year in the 2.0 to 2.5-litre category. Enhanced by latest generation quattro all-wheel-drive, these genes create a car with truly exceptional dynamic capabilities, but one which can also deftly handle everything that daily life throws at it.

“There is a long tradition of five-cylinder engines at Audi,” says Prof. Dr. Ulrich Hackenberg, Board Member for Technical Development at AUDI AG. “In the 80s, they turned Audi into a sporty brand, both in motor sports and in production. The new Audi RS 3 Sportback features the latest generation of our 2.5 litre, five-cylinder engine – the most powerful production engine in the modular transverse matrix.”

Due to become available in the UK in March 2015, and expected to reach its first owners here next summer, the extreme high performance hatchback bolsters the 367PS output from its 2.5-litre TFSI with

465 Nm (343.0 lb-ft) of torque, which is available right from 1,625rpm through to 5,550rpm, enabling it to punch vigorously at the horizon in any gear and at virtually any speed.

### Lighter, faster, more efficient

Helped by advances in construction processes and material use made as part of the Audi ultra efficiency programme, the successor to the original RS 3 Sportback weighs in 55kg lighter, tipping the scales at 1,520kg (without driver), despite additional equipment and safety features. Against the clock its resulting power-to-weight ratio of 241PS per ton helps it to clear the 62mph marker from rest in just 4.3 seconds, and to continue to an electronically governed 155mph top speed which, for drivers with regular Autobahn access, can be increased on request to 174mph.

The distinctive rhythm of the 1 - 2 - 4 - 5 - 3 five-cylinder ignition sequence - the classic Audi soundtrack played out since the 1980s by rally cars, touring cars and production models such as the Ur quattro, the RS 2 and the TT RS – washes over the cabin as the new RS 3 Sportback gathers momentum. Two flaps in the exhaust pipes control the exhaust flow to provide for an even more intensive sound experience that varies with engine load and speed, and the driver can control these flaps via the Audi drive select adaptive dynamics system,

which is standard. For the first time in an Audi model at this level, the already fittingly bass-heavy RS exhaust system can be replaced at extra cost by an even richer-sounding sports exhaust upgrade.

In the latest edition of the classic engine increased power and torque goes hand in hand with improved efficiency, which is confirmed by its compliance with the latest EU6 emissions regulations. According to the NEDC consumption test the new ‘entry level’ RS model is capable of returning up to 34.8mpg, corresponding to CO2 emissions of 189g/km. A recuperation system, a demand-controlled oil pump and a newly developed start-stop system

which turns off the engine shortly before the car comes to a stop contribute to this impressive data.

A seven-speed S tronic transmission, which has been reworked to offer even faster shifts, directs the power to the quattro permanent all-wheel drive system. The quattro system features torque vectoring based on intelligent software and is designed with maximum driving enjoyment foremost in mind. Its central component is an electronically controlled, hydraulically activated multi-plate clutch, the weight of which has been reduced by 1.4kg as further evidence of the adherence to the principles of Audi ultra throughout the car.



▲ Return of the Audi RS 3 Sportback



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# Local football sport round-up

## Vikings sunk by late Plymstock treble

### Colyton second-half fightback keeps promotion hopes on track

#### SOUTH-WEST PENINSULA LEAGUE DIVISION ONE (EAST)

##### PLYMSTOCK 3 SIDMOUTH TOWN 0

SIDMOUTH came flying out of the traps and should have scored a least twice inside the first 15 minutes with Mark Pavay and Ashley Small both missing glorious chances early on.

The home side rode their luck and on the half hour started to regain composure and went about trying to make the Vikings pay for not having taken advantage of their earlier dominance.

Centre backs Jamie Newbery and Mike Pidgeon were put under some serious pressure but stood up well, but also needed keeper Charlie Ledger to pull off a couple of terrific saves.

Sidmouth bossed the first 15 minutes of the second half too but it was Plymstock who had the ball in the net only for it to be ruled out for offside.

A couple of minutes later Sidmouth also had a Josh French effort ruled out for offside.

Twenty minutes from time Sidmouth's Ashley Small squandered a one-on-one chance.

But in the 75th minute Plymstock's Craig Follett crossed for Ricky Harris to break the deadlock.

Ten minutes later it was 2-0 with Ryan Yeoman scoring from the penalty spot following a rash challenge from debutant Damien Armes.

In stoppage time Peter Styring powerfully headed home from a corner to round things off for the hosts.

AXMINSTER TOWN'S scheduled trip to Exwick Villa was postponed.

There's a local derby to look forward to next Saturday when Axminster Town take on Sidmouth Town at Feniton's Acland Park (2.15pm ko).

◆ Note: The Tigers' following game against Okehampton Argyle on December 27th will be staged at Budleigh Salterton FC.

#### D&E LEAGUE REPORTS

##### BEER ALBION 0 THORVERTON 1

THORVERTON completed a Premier League double over Beer Albion beating the Fishermen 1-0 at The Furzebrake on Saturday.

It was a tight, turgid mid-table struggle, and with both teams playing narrow formations, it was not much of a spectacle for the loyal home supporters.

There was little space for creative football in a crowded mid-field and both sides' best chances came from long balls played out of defence through the middle or down the flanks.

Yet again Beer had players unavailable with Kieran Love and Pedro Fontes both missing and only one substitute on the bench.

The first half-hour was uneventful with Thorverton's excellent centre-backs and goalkeeper looking very assured in defence, effectively shutting out any threat from the home side.

The game then briefly sprung into life with Beer striker James Melville going close on a couple of occasions and then Thorverton shooting wide from a good opportunity.

For Beer, Chris Long also hit the target with a free kick from long range but it was confidently held by the visiting keeper.

Beer started well in the second half but, after Thorverton's keeper saved well from another Melville effort, the game fell back into the pattern of the first half with both sides working hard but achieving little in the way of free-flowing football.

One goal was always going to settle things and it came from the Thors in the 65th minute.

After direct play down the left flank, Radford went past one Beer defender and

hit an unstoppable shot into the top corner.

Beer pressed hard for an equaliser but were almost caught out on the break when only a fine save from Steve Jones prevented Thorverton from increasing their lead.

For Beer, midfielder Ollie Morgan and centre backs Joe Adkin and Richard Walker were impressive but all-in-all it was a disappointing performance from the Fishermen.

##### CHERITON FITZ 3 AXMOUTH UTD 2

AXMOUTH lost by the odd goal in five at Cheriton Fitzpaine in what was an entertaining and even contest.

It was the Cherries who started the better in the first half against an Axmouth side who, despite having 13 players unavailable still managed to field a competitive team.

Indeed, as the half wore on the visitors grew in stature and only the crossbar and two desperate clearances off the line saved the home sides parity as half-time came with the scoreline goal less.

However, straight after the restart Axmouth went a goal down in bizarre fashion as keeper Brad Cross misjudged a cross-shot which sneaked in at the near post when he thought it was going wide.

Having hardly had a shot to save it was harsh on the govmen when two minutes later the lead was doubled when a deflected effort found the bottom corner.

Axmouth looked shell-shocked trailing 2-0 having created the better chances and produced a tremendous fightback with 15 minutes left as Asa Sandman calmly finished a wonderful passing move and soon after Luke Morrison managed to block the home keeper's punched clearance back into his net to make it 2-2 and put eh Axe's on course to gain at least a deserved point.

Especially when Cross looked to have made amends for his earlier error when making a fantastic double save late on.

But there was one more twist in the dying moments when the Cherries headed home from a corner.

Axmouth manager Laurie Forino said: "I can't believe we have lost and we deserved at least a point."

"The game was played in great spirit and was really well contested."

##### AXMINSTER RES 2 CLYST VALL RES 2

AXMINSTER Town Reserves came from behind twice to bank a valuable Division Three point.

The visitors, who had the better of the first-half, struck first but Man-of-the-Match Stuart Broom equalised. However, disaster struck for Ax when an under-hit back pass gifted the Valley their second.

The second half saw The Tigers raise their game and they grabbed a second leveller when defender Kingsley Wellman forced the ball over the line following a goalmouth scramble.

##### COLYTON 4 CHULMLEIGH 2

COLYTON had to make a few changes with players unavailable and it was no surprise when a Chumleigh took the lead and were soon 2-0 up.

A shuffle round of positions saw Coly improve after the interval and soon got their reward Cal Somers was elbowed in the area and Marc Potter smashed home the resulting penalty.

Potter then crossed for Erich Busby to produce a stunning header from 15 yards that gave the keeper no chance.

Chumleigh were reduced to 10-men following a bout of abusive language aimed towards the referee and the hosts capitalised.

They took the lead when Busby combined well with Somers and finished well into the bottom corner

It was left to Jason Potter to round

things off when he slid the ball past the on rushing keeper

The club would like to wish stalwart midfielder Vince Foxwell and his partner Rachael all the best after the birth of their daughter on Friday.

##### Round-up with Collin Goodwin

STARCROSS GENERALS and STOKE HILL brought their weekend Division Five match forward to Friday evening under the floodlights at the Devon FA headquarters in Newton Abbot.

The Generals won 8-4 after trailing in the first half which then ended 3-3, but then went on to almost score at will as both teams served up a match to remember.

TIVERTON TOWN are back as Premier leaders after a mammoth 11-0 victory at bottom of the table BUDLEIGH SALTERTON. With Heavitree rained off at Hatherleigh, Tiverton were able to regain top spot and had their shooting boots on. Dave O'Connor (6) led the way with the others coming from Adam Wakley, Thomas Tricker, Isaac Furness, Ben Ashford and Jules Emati-Emati.

FENITON came from 2-0 down to beat the UNIVERSITY 4-3. Phil Everett scoring twice, Matt Kingdon and Paul Dowling adding singles. Carl Conibeer, Magnus Assmunson and Andy Farley getting the college goals.

NEWTOWN came good against SIDBURY UNITED 4-2, with Luke Jones scoring twice. Dale O'Donoghue and Ashley Barker also scored.

NEWTOWN ST CYRES were good vale for their 4-0 victory at LYMPSTONE in Division One after a blank first half. Ash Hudd, Sam Johnson, Connor Palmer and Ryan Guppy then all got on the mark.

Division Two leaders EXETER UNIVERSITY won 1-0 at DAWLISH UTD thanks to a deflected last minute goal.

Second placed COLYTON beat CHULMLEIGH 4-2 after being 2-0 down at the break. Erich Busby 2, Marc and Jason Potter were Colyton's scorers.

Jamie Cottrell struck twice for CULLOMPTON RANGERS who beat HALWILL 5-1 and the visitors were not a bad side according to Cully.

Ferenc Bodor scored a hat-trick for Sidmouth Town who floored CREDITON UNITED 7-1.

UPOTTERY had to work a little harder than expected to get past TIPTON ST JOHN 5-3.

With the top two sides in Division Three waterlogged HENRY'S CRONIES made up ground beating EXMOUTH AMATEURS 5-1, Billy Rous featuring with two superb strikes.

Adam White 2 and Andrew Davis were the Chagford marksmen in a surprise 3-1 win at WOODBURY.

Phil Greenslade and Ryan Piper both scored twice for MORCHARD BISHOP in their 5-1 win at AMORY PARK RANGERS in Division Four.

Mark Tucker netted twice for LAPFORD 4-2 winners at LANGDON, and Richard Gilbert also scored twice as leaders COUNTESS WEAR DYNAMOES scraped home 5-4 against WESTEXE ROVERS.

Ryan Standford topped that with a hat-trick for BAMPOTON as they saw off OKEHAMPTON 4-2.

Adam Pidgeon scored twice for BOW AAC, but his team were beaten 5-3 at ST MARTINS.

Division Six leaders OTTERY ST MARY were 6-2 winners at BRADNINCH.

#### RESULTS

##### DEVON PREMIER CUP R3

Buckland Ath 4, Watcombe Wdrs 2.

##### FRESH DEVON & EXETER

##### PREMIER

Beer Albion 0, Thorverton 1.

Bow AAC 4, Elmore 2.

Budleigh Salterton 0, Tiverton 11. Newtown 4, Sidbury United 2. University 3, Feniton 4.

##### DIVISION ONE

Clyst Valley 4, Alphington 2. Exmouth Amats 2, Witheridge 2. Lymstone 0, Newtown St C 4.

University 1, Wellington Town 3.

##### DIVISION TWO

Colyton 4, Chumleigh 2. Cullompton Rangers 5, Halwill 1. Dawlish United 0, University 1.

Newtown 3, Topsham Town 2. Sidmouth Tn 7, Crediton Utd 1. Uppottery 5, Tipton St John 3.

##### DIVISION THREE

Axminster Town 2, Clyst Valley 2. Ch Fitzpaine 3, Axmouth Utd 2. Henrys Cronies 5, Exmouth Am 1.

University 3, Pinhoe 2. Woodbury 1, Chagford 3.

##### DIVISION FOUR

Amory Park 1, Morchard Bishop 5. Bampton 4, Okehampton Argyle 2. Countess Wear 5, Westexs Rov 4.

Langdon 2, Lapford 4. Lords XI 1, Awilcombe United 1.

North Tawton 10, Newtown 1. St Martins 5, Bow AAC 3.

##### DIVISION FIVE

Feniton 1, Fluxton 3. Honiton Town 2, Winkleigh 1. Sampford Peverell 1, Otterton 1.

Sandford 1, Ilminster Town 1.

##### DIVISION SIX

Alphington 2, Beer Albion 0. Bradinch 2, Ottery St Mary 6. Dunkeswell Rov 3, Woodbury 3.

East Budleigh 7, Seaton Town 0. Kentisbeare 3, Newton St Cyres 1.

##### DIVISION SEVEN

Central 1, Whipton & Pinhoe 3. Chagford 2, Lymstone 2. Elmore 6, Alphington 4.

Pinhoe 7, Amory Green Rovers 1. South Zeal 3, Cheriton Fitzpaine 1.

##### DIVISION EIGHT

Culm Utd 2, Wellington Town 1. Feniton 3, Bampton 2. Moretonhamstead 1, Colyton 4.

Ottery St Mary 1, St Martins 7. Sidmouth Town 2, Sandford 0.

##### FIXTURES - December 20th

##### PREMIER

Feniton v Hatherleigh Town  
Heavitree United v Budleigh Salterton  
Seaton Town v Elmore

Sidbury United v Chard Town  
Thorverton v Newtown

Tiverton Town v Bow AAC  
Willand Rovers v Beer Albion

##### DIVISION ONE

Alphington v Clyst Valley  
East Budleigh v Heavitree United  
Exmouth Amateurs v Westexs Rovers

Honiton Town v Witheridge  
Lymstone v Exwick Villa  
Newton St Cyres v Wellington Town

##### DIVISION TWO

Culm United v Colyton  
Dawlish United v Cullompton Rangers  
Halwill v Uppottery

Newton Poppleford v Hemyock  
Sidmouth Town v Chumleigh  
Tipton St John v Newtown

Topsham Town v Crediton United  
DIVISION THREE  
Axminster Town v Exmouth Town  
Axmouth United v Cheriton Fitzpaine

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## bowls news

## Crawford call-up

HONITON with Ann Brown

DURING the run-up to Christmas Honiton bowlers have been as busy as ever.

In the men's Top Club match against South Hams the men were defeated 3-2. Congratulations go to Tony Tooley & Trevor Pipe who played the pairs and to Peter Baker, Peter Goodwin, Eddie Sharman & Malcolm Seaborne in the triples. Unfortunately, an overall loss of 3-2 means the men do not progress to the next stage.

The ladies were more successful in their Lane Trophy against Exonia, winning three of the four rinks and gaining eight of the ten points available. Top rink were: Judith Broom, Daphne Courtney, Elizabeth Fielding & Heather Chambers.

A friendly game against Budleigh resulted in a 60-40 win; top rink was Harry Riley, Ian McKenzie, Margaret Bright & Brenda Harris 30-13.

However, the biggest accolade goes to LIAM CRAWFORD (16) who has been awarded his Devon County Indoor badge. He was in the Devon under-25 double rink squad last year. The club has a number of keen youngsters who play in a variety of games for the club.

New juniors are welcome. Contact Peter Goodwin 813185 for details of membership and the Friday evening coaching sessions.

## cribbage round-up

## HONITON

**Results:** Blacksmith Arms 3 Feniton Soc B 5, Feniton Soc A 3 Honiton Inn B 5, Honiton Inn A 6 New Fountain 2, London Hotel 2 Vine Inn A 6, Vine Inn B 5 Workingsmens B 3, Workingsmens A 3 Thirsty Farmer 5.

**Captains Cup:** Brian Morrison 1 Audrey Hawkins 0, Hedley Hawkins 0 Julie Davis 1, Julie Bath 0 Rita Freemantle 1, Lorraine White 0 Brenda Flood 1, Mike Dent 0 Lionel Hawkins 1, Steve Pettitt 1 Maureen Pendrick 0.

**Fixtures (Jan 8th):** Feniton Soc B v Workingsmens A, Honiton Inn B v London Hotel, New Fountain v Blacksmith Arms, Thirsty Farmer v Feniton Soc A, Vine Inn B v Honiton Inn A, Workingsmens B v Vine Inn A.

Table	Pld	Pts
Thirsty Farmer	15	66
Feniton Social B	15	64
Vine Inn A	15	64
Workingsmens A	15	63
Blacksmiths Arms	15	62
Honiton Inn B	15	62
Feniton Social A	15	59
Workingsmens B	15	59
Honiton Inn A	15	57
Vine Inn B	15	55
New Fountain	15	55
London Hotel	15	54

Captains Cup	Pld	Pts
R.Freemantle	15	10
B.Flood	15	10
J.Bath	15	9
J.Hawkins	15	9
B.Morrison	15	9
A.Hawkins	15	7
D.Davis	15	7
M.Dent	15	7
H.Hawkins	15	6
L.White	15	6
M.Pendrick	15	5
S.Pettitt	15	5

## short-mat bowls axe valley

Evening Div 1	P	SD	Pts
Awilcombe	6	121	9
Sidbury	6	93	9
Colyton	6	33	7
Beer	6	122	6
Musbury	6	32	5
Seaton Cliff	6	117	5
Sidford	6	145	4
Upton	6	75	3
Evening Div 2	P	SD	Pts
West Hill	6	114	10
Awilcombe B	6	88	8
Membury	6	10	8
Ottery St Mary	6	8	6
Sidbury Reds	6	1	5
Sidbury Whites	6	7	5
Colyton B	6	34	5
Uffculme	6	164	1
Afternoon Div 1	P	SD	Pts
Colyton	5	26	9

## LYME REGIS

**Results:** Talbot Arms 3 Cloakham Lawns 2, Nags Head LR 1 Gerrard Arms 4, New Inn Kilminster 3, Lamb Swans 2, Steps 4, Old Inn Kilminster 1, Beer Club P Royal Oak P, Ship Inn LR 2 Axminster Con Club 3.

**Beer League:** Talbot Arms 1 Cloakham Lawns 2, Nags Head LR 2 Gerrard Arms 1, New Inn Kilminster 2, Lamb Swans 1, Steps 0, Old Inn Kilminster 3, Beer Club P Royal Oak P, Ship Inn LR 2 Axminster Con Club 1.

**Fixtures (January 5th):** Talbot Arms v Lamb Swans, Nags Head LR v Old Inn Kilminster, New Inn Kilminster v Royal Oak, Beer Club v Cloakham Lawns, Ship Inn LR v Gerrard Arms, Steps v Axminster Con Club.

Table - week 14	Pld	Pts
New Inn Kilminster	14	43
Axminster Con Club	14	38
Beer Club	13	38
Nags Head LR	14	37
Lamb Swans	14	37
Ship Inn LR	14	33
Old Inn Kilminster	14	33
Talbot Arms	14	33
Steps	14	33
Royal Oak	13	32
Gerrard Arms	14	32
Cloakham Lawns	14	26

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Old Inn Kilminster	14	25
Ship Inn LR	14	24
Steps	14	23
Lamb Swans	14	23
New Inn Kilminster	14	22
Talbot Arms	14	21
Nags Head LR	14	20
Axminster Con Club	14	20
Gerrard Arms	14	20
Royal Oak	14	19
Cloakham Lawns	14	18
Beer Club	14	15

Afternoon Div 2	P	SD	Pts
St Teresa's	5	110	7
Musbury	6	13	7
Lyme Regis	5	24	6
Chard B	5	42	5
Hemyock B	5	16	4
Seaton Cliff A	5	40	4
Combe St Nich A	5	85	3
Afternoon Div 3	P	SD	Pts
Ottery St Mary	5	88	7
Hemyock B	4	59	7
Colyton B	4	21	5
Combe St Nich B	5	70	4
Seaton Cliff C	5	14	3
Chard A	5	84	2

## schools sports athletics

## County honours for Sidmouth students

TEN Sidmouth College students represented East Devon at the recent Exeter vs East Devon Cross Country Championships held at Haldon Forest.

On a crisp, dry day and the course was firm underfoot but technically challenging, with a steep hill section.

The first 12 runners in each race were selected to represent Exeter & East Devon in the next round of the championships.

Official results are yet to be published but it is believed that five of the 10 Sidmouth College students have now been selected to represent Exeter & East Devon at the Devon County Championships later this

month.

Despite having only just recovered from a broken toe Year 9s Toby Garrick ran a fantastic race coming 3rd in the Junior Boys Race with Year 8 student Sam Pyne also running well to finish in 4th place behind him.

Meanwhile, Rory Morgan came 12th in the Inter Boys category to secure his place.

And amongst the girls, Isabelle Pinnock came 12th in the Junior Girls race and Emily Vicary had a great run to come 5th in the Inter Girls.

Congratulations also go to Kate Marriott, Jess Truman, Will Bond, Aimee Keast and Aimee Vine for representing the College and East Devon.

## skittles around the leagues

## AXMINSTER LEAGUE

## Men's League results;

**Division 1:** Green Army 334 (J Lack 66) v Thorncombe B 364 (A Farley 66) Ax Con Rebels 299 (H Harris 55) v B & Gs 318 (P Garner 69) Lamb Spartans 351 C Miller 69) v Red Lion D 307 (D Herbert 59) The Feds 392 (J Chaplyn 77) v Sidmouth Arms 357 (T Bright 64) Thorncombe Drifters 353 (C Wyatt 73) v Colcombe A 345 (T Underdown 65), Red Devils 435 (R Summers 83) v Lamb A 393 (N Jones 80).

**Division 2:** Gerrard D 299 (P Easter 54) v Red Lion C 273 (C Trivett 52) Thorncombe A 351 (R Maber 63) v Tuckers B 339 (S Thomas 69) Cloakham Stars 346 (D Baker 74) v Hawk Halfcuts 326 (P Reed 58) W H Wilm 372 (R Perkins 76) v Thorncombe C 362 (G Mayber 67) New Inn A 323 (N Cook 62) v Old Kilm B 320 (J Smart 60) Ax Con B 289 (H Thresher 54) v Tuckers C 269 (D Roberts 55) Kings Arms Seaton 354 (K Tozer 74) v Ax Inn Jokers 333 (D Churchill 61).

**Division 3:** Tuckers Maggots 386 (M Bleaken 75) v Ax Con A 357 (B Styles 69) Red Lion B 412 (A Beer 74) v George @ Lamb 370 (P Herrod 75) Bottle Inn 350 (P Wallis 67) v Ax Inn B 355 (D Thomas 68) Colcombe B 368 (K Mitcham 70) v Tuckers Y 356 (P Burroughs 71) Gerrard B 287 (G Holland, J Voysey 51) v New Inn C 293 (R Webb 58) Wootton Cowboys 338 (P Studley 65) v W H Warriors 296 (M McGarrigle 56).

**Division 4:** Ship Rotary 390 (R Lawrence 75) v Kingfisher A 348 (K Clayton 68) King Wingers 292 (T Palmer 62) v Gerrard C 277 (P Dean 49) Ax Inn A 314 (R Fifer 62) v New Inn Hawks 308 (D Lucas 58) Seaton BC 286 (G Thomas 57) v Colcombe Nomads 257 (S Cross 54) Winston Wobblers 335 v Lamb 49rs 344 (J Short 63).

**Division One** Pld Pts  
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Thorn Drifters	13	20
B & Gs	13	14
Ax Con Club Reb	13	14
Lamb Spartans	13	14
Sidmouth Arms	13	14
Lamb A	13	14
Thorncombe B	13	14
The Feds	13	12
Green Army	13	10
Colcombe A	13	8
Red Lion D	13	8
Gerrard A	12	6
Old Inn Kilm A	12	6

Division Two	Pld	Pts
WH Wilmington A	12	19
Tuckers C	12	18
Ax Inn Jokers	13	17
Hawk Halfcuts	13	16
Tuckers B	13	16
Thorncombe A	13	14
Gerrard D	13	14
Red Lion C	13	10
Ax Con Club B	13	10
New Inn Kilm A	13	10
Cloakham Stars	12	10
Thorncombe C	13	9
Old Inn Kilm B	13	8
Kings Arms Stn A	11	7

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Wootton Cowboys	12	22
Tuckers Maggots	13	18
New Inn Kilm C	13	18
Gerrard B	12	18
Axminster Inn B	13	16
Old Inn Hawk A	12	14
Red Lion B	13	14
Ax Con Club A	13	14
WH Warriors	13	10
Colcombe B	12	8
Tuckers Y	12	8
Old Inn Hawk IV	12	6
The Bottle	13	6
The George	13	4

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Lamb 49s	11	20
Axminster Inn A	12	19
King Wingers	11	16
Gerrard C	11	16
Wootton Sherberts	11	15
Ship Rotary	12	12
Colcombe Nomads	12	12
Seaton BC A	12	8
Pls Social Club	11	8
Bev's Boys	9	6
New Inn Hawks	11	6
Kingfisher A	11	6
Winston Wobblers	12	2

## Ladies League results

**Division 1:** Colcombe A 343 (A Ogden 67) v Cloakham A 349 (D Harrison 66) B & Js Cloakham 353 (B Roberts 76) v Seaton BC 323 (B Thompson 58) Wotnots 353 (A Williams



◆ TOP TEN: The Sidmouth College students who represented East Devon at Haldon Forest

68) v New Inn B 325 (W Mitcham 69) Red Lion A 400 (C Spiller 83) v Gerrard Guzzlers 369 (M Smith 70) Perfect Pins 316 (N Gribble, E Westlake 57) v Ax Inn A 328 (D Walsh 72).

**Division 2:** Tuckers C 328 (S Hembrow 62) v Colcombe B 295 (S Wilton 62) Colcombe Angels 316 (S Gush 66) v Tuckers A 340 (L Gould 65) Lamb A 313 (L Kielen 61) v Red Lion Rabble 280 (F Bagge 52) New Inn A 292 (P Hurford 52) v Old Kilm A 279 (P Wellman 56).

**Division 3:** Ax Inn Allsorts 275 (W Graham 53) v WH Wilm 300 (C Hudson 60) Gerrard A 252 (A Kay, S Gardner 45) v Seaton FC 249 (L Smith 50) Seaton FC Antics 311 (M Stone 64) v Cloakham Castaways 325 (H Ebdon 61) Tuckers B 339 (C Cole 72) v Colcombe Girls 349 (S Wills 64).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Axe Inn A	10	16
Roxindon Ladies	10	14
Wotnots	8	12
B&Js	10	12
Red Lion A	10	10
Colcombe A	10	8
Seaton BC	9	8
Gerrard Guzzlers	9	8
New Inn B	10	8
Cloakham A	10	4
Perfect Pins	10	4
Division Two	Pld	Pts
New Inn A	9	14
Tuckers Arms C	9	31
Lamb A	9	12
Kings Army Seaton	9	11
Pls Social Club	9	10
Old Inn Kilm	9	8
Colcombe B	9	8
Red Lion Rabble	9	6
Tuckers Arms A	9	6
Colcombe Angels	9	2
Division Three	Pld	Pts
Thorncombe Newtops	9	14
Colcombe Girls	9	12
Tuckers Arms B	8	10
WH Wilmington A	9	10
Thorncombe A	8	10
Cloakham C'aways	9	8
Gerrard A	8	6
Seaton FC Antics	9	6
Seaton FC	9	6
Axe Inn Allsorts	8	4

## COLYTON LEAGUE

**Div 1:** Gerrard A 316 (T Underdown 58) Axe Con A 317 (B Stuckey 59); New Inn A 338 (N Jones 67) Cloakham B 343 (B Pring 65); Red Lion A 384 (S Flint 81) Hon Con D 378 (W Collins 69); Honiton Converts 437 (D Hedditch 88) Red Lion Cavaliers 371 (H Harris 79); Hon WMC A 359 (S Pye 68) Lamb B 355 (B Dicks 71); Vine B 353 (G Wright 71) Colyton Club 345 (A Potter 69); Lamb A 323 (M Farmer 64) Colcombe A 334 (G Millman, R Parsons 59);

**Div 2:** Winstons B 366 (D Minchin 71) Cloakham Wanderers 364 (G Hayball 69); Tuckers B 385 (R Seaward 75) Seaton Town AFC 382 (A Anning 72); Wheelwright A 324 (C Hammett 59) Sidbury Stones 325 (R Chambers 64); Beer B 341 (S Somers 71) Eagle Tavern 323 (M Jackson 58); Volunteer A 327 (M Turner 61) Gerrard B 306 (S Potter 57); Ship C 347 (N Ostler 71) Mountbatten Whites 329 (S Bonetta 61);

**Div 3:** Beer Vikings 347 (K Aris 72) Offwell A 327 (B Grant 62); Colcombe B 387 (V Woods 71) White Hart B 385 (R Gibbons 74); Three Tuns Hammers 362 (D Spiller 65) Colcombe Beerboys 370 (J Adkin 72); Awilcombe Harts 384 (J Woollacott 69) Beer A 430 (D Copp 89); Cloakham C 326 (T Guppy 61) Volunteer B 347 (Chris Watson 63);

**Div 4:** Hon Con BTP 392 (R Doble 68) Honiton Conartists 365 (Debbie Soan 67); Seaton AFC B 342 (Sarah Ziemann 63) Hon Con A 336 (F Crabb 64); Rising Sun A 366 (T Churchill 72) Tuckers A 332 (J Bird 61); Kings Arms A 335 (C Rogers, J Cooke, P Hodge 58) Rising Sun B 321 (M Clode 67); Axe Inn A lost to New Inn B;

◆ Beer D have withdrawn from the league.

**Div 5:** Kingfisher B 244 (C Solway 46) Winstons A 300 (B Parker 56); Hon Con B 338 (B Solomon 70) Heathfield A 330 (D Crabb 60); White Hart A 336 (B Parr 61) Honiton WMC B 366

(G Richards 69); Heathfield B 376 (C Francis 77) Seaton Bowling 347 (P Greenwood 64); P J'S 343 (A Smith 63) Ship B 374 (K Frost 70);

Division One	Pld	Pts
Cloakham B	12	20
Gerrard A	12	20
New Inn A	12	18
Axe Con A	12	17
Vine B	12	14
Red Lion Cavs	12	12
Honiton Converts	12	10
Lamb B	12	10
Colyton Club A	12	9
Colcombe A	12	8
Honiton Con D	12	8
Honiton WMC A	12	8
Lamb A	12	8
Red Lion A	12	6

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Sidbury SC Stones	11	18
Tuckers Arms B	12	16
Colyton Club A	12	16
Ship C	11	14
Volunteer A	11	14
Seaton AFC A	11	12
Vine A	11	12
Beer sc B	11	10
Cloakham Wanderers	10	10
Eagle Tavern	11	10
Winstons B	11	10
Gerrard B	11	8
Mountbatten Whites	11	6
Wheelwright A	11	2

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Colcombe Beerboys	11	22
Colcombe B	11	13
Volunteer B	11	13
Beer sc A	12	13
Beer Vikings	11	12
Beer Albion	10	10
Cloakham C	11	10
Offwell A	11	10
Three Tuns Hamm	11	10
Sidbury SC A	10	8
White Hart B	11	8
Awilcombe Harts	11	7
Sidbury Lions	11	6

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Honiton Con BTP	11	16
New Inn B	11	14
Seaton AFC B	10	12
Tuckers Arms A	10	12
Rising Sun A	10	11
Axe Inn A	10	10
Honiton Con A	10	10
Kingfisher A	10	10
Tuckers Arms C	10	9
Rising Sun B	10	9
Honiton Con Artists	10	6
Kings Arms A	10	4



## golf round-up

## Northover double

**HONITON GC** with Andy Wagner  
**Tuesday Mixed**

THE popular Treble Six was played this week - gives everyone a chance to "warm up" for six holes playing their own ball - Greensomes followed for the last six holes Foursomes.

The winners were Sue Ritchie & John Northover with 38 points. This is the second week in a row that John has won the competition.

In second place with 35pts on c/b were Su Calver playing with Jason Gosling. Jason had his first hole-in-one on the second.

In third place were Jan Dickinson and Seniors Vice-Captain Mike Watts also 35pts.

## Ladies Section

IT was a day when the going was heavy and those Stableford points were hard to come by, though Silver Division's Janet Hughes and Tricia Swindell both came through with a respectable 32 points each - Janet just stealing first place on c/b leaving Tricia in second position.

Due to a smaller turn out than usual, Bronze Divisions One and Two were combined this week giving Linda Blundell an opportunity to make first place with just 28 stableford points.

Gill Johnson was second with 25 points, while Stephani Barnes was third, also with 25 points (c/b).

In the nine-hole Stableford Jennifer Pyle was first with 11 points.

## running axe valley

## Perseverance pays off for determined Diane

With Dave Mutter

FOR anyone that has tried to enter the London Marathon and failed then have a read about an early Christmas present for Diane Newton who was pleased to hear that her entry into a national blogging competition has won her one of six available prizes from amongst thousands of other entries.

Her prize is a much-coveted place in the 2015 Virgin London Marathon with equipment and sports drinks provided by Adidas and Lucozade to help her on her way.

To win the prize competitors had to write about their favourite race in no more than 250 words.

Diane has tried and failed four times to get into the event through the ballot so is now really excited to at last be given the chance to take part.

In return for her prize Diane will be writing a monthly training blog which can be found on the London Marathon Facebook page.

This was Diane's winning entry:

*To put this story into perspective I have to tell you that I didn't start running until I was a rather unfit 60 year old.*

*Now here I was four years later on Dartmoor lining up with 300 other runners waiting to start the scarily sounding Haytor Heller.*

*I thought to myself this is one hell of a way to spend my 64th birthday. Three, two, one and off we go!*

*Straight up the hillside and over the top, jumping and skipping over huge boulders and down into the valley below. Just visible in the distance was Hound Tor rising high against the skyline.*

*Was I really going to run all that way and back again?*

*This was the toughest race I had ever run, slipping, sliding and scrambling as best I could over the rough terrain.*

*As I splashed through streams, and fought through the bracken I ran and ran until I thought my heart would burst.*

*I looked around me at the desolate landscape and it felt like I was running across the top of the world, and I realised that at this very moment there was nowhere else I would rather be and nothing else I would rather be doing.*

*The final climb up Haytor, then running down to the finishing post below.*

*As I crossed the line I heard my husband proudly shout "that's my wife, it's her 64th birthday you know" to which the reply came, "well, take her out to dinner then you miserable git!"*

## feniton bowls club annual presentation evening

## Feniton bowlers celebrate fine season

FENITON Bowling Club held its annual dinner and presentation night at the Honiton Golf Club recently.

The over 60s men's B team won promotion in the Exeter & District Triples League and the ladies finished as runners-up in None Badged Triples League.

The presentations for the club competitions were made by the President, Richard North.

The respective winners and runners up were: Club Singles: Winner David Evans, Runner-up Robin Cooke.

Men's Singles: Winner Kevin Lovering, runner-up David Evans.

Ladies Singles: Winner Glynda Blackmore, runner-up Judy Smith.

Men's Handicap: Winner David Evans, runner-up Robin Cooke. Ladies Handicap: Winner Judy Smith, runner-up Ruth Clarke.

Mens 2 Wood: Winner David Evans, runner-up Roger Smith.

Ladies 2 Wood: Winner Judy Smith, runner-up Glynda Blackmore.

3 Bowl Singles: Winner Andrew Evans, runner-up Alan Smith.

Club Pairs: Winners David Evans & Don Coyne, runners-up Alan Smith & Joyce Lovell.

Mixed Pairs: Winners Roger Smith & Sue Kury, runners-up David Sanders & Liz Morris.

Mixed Triples: Winners Tony Young, Di Phillips & Jo O'Sullivan, runners-up Martin Mitchell, Graham & David Evans.

Husband & Wife: Winners Roger & Ruth Clarke, runners-up Alan & Gill Smith.

Sir John Acland: Phil Spreadbury, runner-up Roy Lovering.

Founders Shield: Joss Corhart, runner-up Phil Spreadbury.

Marjorie Ferguson Plate: Winner Cara Sanders, runner-up Liz Morris.



◆ MENS single winner Kevin Lovering (left).



◆ LADIES single winner Glynda Blackmore.



◆ HUSBAND and wife winners Roger and Ruth Clarke.



◆ MARJORIE Ferguson Plate winner Cara Sanders.

## youth football round-up

## Second half strife for Seaton youngsters

## Ottery St Mary U9s

THE young Otters faced two tough teams last weekend and were unlucky not to come out with better results.

First up was a 1-1 draw against WEST HILL WASPS with the Ottery goal coming from Jack Carpenter.

The second game ended in a 1-0 defeat against HONITON HORNETS when The Otters gave away a silly goal in the first minute of the game.

Despite this they rallied and peppered the Honiton goal for the remainder of the game yet could not find that final touch to bring the equaliser.

Jake Blackmore played exceptionally well in defence throughout the morning and a special mention also for Zak Wilkinson in

goal and to Tom Beer who showed huge improvement and Jack Carpenter who gave 100 per cent throughout both games.

Due to prior family commitments the team travelled to Exmouth with just seven players on Sunday to face opposition from Newton St Cyres and St Martins.

Having no substitutes meant that every player had to complete both games and without exception, each and every one of them stepped up and played the best football that the entire team have played all season.

The first game against NEWTON ST CYRES began as a hard battle but eventually the Otters broke down the strong defence and once they got into their stride they relaxed into some exceptional football.

The game ended with an 8-3 victory to the Otters.

Next up was a very well organised and talented ST MARTINS side.

The game started well for the Otters with an early goal, the result of some exceptional passing.

Once again, the blues began to relax and pass the ball with some ease and were rewarded with two more goals.

St Martins mounted a strong comeback late in the game but the Otters tackling, passing and attitude gave them a well-deserved 3-2 victory.

The travelling team consisted of Zak Wilkinson, Ashley Whitcombe, Tom Bath, Dan Wright, Finley Giles, Jack Carpenter & Freddie Clarke.

Otters goalcorers on the day

were; Freddie Clarke (5) Jack Carpenter (4) and Zak Wilkinson (2). The Otters man of the match was defender Sam Whitcombe.

Seaton U9s played WEST EXE and ALPHINGTON on Saturday and, despite drawing the games at half time 1-1 and 2-2, with goals from Henry Matthews (2) and Aaron Hale they, struggled in the second half of each match and found themselves well-beaten 6-2 and 7-1 respectively.

The two goalkeepers Adam Clinch and Kieran Jaycock did well despite the score lines.

Seaton fielded several younger players with Jericho Hannant and Billy Fowler competing exceptionally well against older opposition.

## darts news

## Axminster League

Team	Pld	Pts
Red Lion A.....	7	30
Tons of Bull.....	5	22
Vault A.....	4	17
Vault B.....	4	17
Con Club.....	5	17
Double P.....	4	12
Vault C.....	5	12
Ax Inn.....	5	9
Red Necks.....	4	4
Lamb Shanks.....	3	3
Red Bulls.....	4	3

Singles	Pld	Pts
Red Lion A.....	7	21
Tons of Bull.....	5	13
Vault C.....	5	11
Vault A.....	4	10
Ax Inn.....	5	10
Vault B.....	4	9
Con Club.....	5	9
Lamb Shanks.....	3	5
Red Necks.....	4	5
Double P.....	4	4
Red Bulls.....	4	3

◆ Captains: Please ensure all result cards are returned to The Axminster Inn (some results are still outstanding).

## Colyton &amp; District

BEER Club will be playing the rest of this season's home games at The Colcombe Castle in Colyton.

The Rockett Cup (Dec 18th) and Finals Night will still be held at Beer Club as usual.

Back matches: Beer Club 2(4) PJs 3(2); Seaton FC B 3(3) Kingfisher A 2(3).

Highest Makeout: 100 Danny Larcombe (Beer Club).

1001/pairs	Pld	Pts
Seaton FC A.....	8	31
PJs.....	8	26
Seaton FC B.....	8	24
Vault.....	8	21
Dolphin.....	8	19
Kingfisher A.....	8	18
Beer Club.....	8	18
Kingfisher B.....	8	12
Golden Hind.....	8	11

Singles	Pld	Pts
Seaton FC A.....	8	37
Seaton FC B.....	8	29
Kingfisher A.....	8	26
Vault.....	8	25
Kingfisher B.....	8	23
PJs.....	8	23
Dolphin.....	8	21
Golden Hind.....	8	17
Beer Club.....	8	15

## Seaton &amp; District

Table	P 301	501	601	Pts
PJs.....	7	64	33	22
King's B.....	7	61	35	18
Football.....	7	49	29	19
Vault.....	7	45	19	18
King's A.....	7	48	19	76
Malt House.....	7	43	18	74

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## Accolade for Honiton's Jo

EAST Devon's champion athlete Jo Pavey capped an extraordinary year by adding the BBC Sports Personality of the Year third place trophy to her growing collection, writes Jack Dixon.

The 41-year-old Honiton-born athlete was pipped to the top spots by golfer Rory McIlroy and Formula One racing driver Lewis Hamilton.

A four-time Olympian, Jo entered the record breakers earlier this year by becoming the oldest female athlete to win gold in the 10,000m at the European Championships in Zurich.

And her outstanding achievements were recognised during the BBC's annual sporting celebration on Sunday evening.

Jo received just short of 100,000 votes, more than double the number cast for boxer Carl Froch and footballer Gareth Bale combined.

The mother-of-two, who was in Honiton to switch on the town's Christmas tree lights earlier this month, said she was shocked to be named among the nation's finest sportsmen and women.

Speaking during the ceremony, she told the BBC: "Someone gave me the third place envelope - I can't believe I'm on the same stage as Lewis Hamilton and Rory McIlroy!"

Jo was also named British Athletics Athlete of the Year last week, ending a record-breaking year for the Devon-based runner.

◆ STUNNED:  
Jo Pavey



## Seaton Town U9s



■ GRINNING GREENS: Seaton Town under 9s squad pictured before last weekend's matches. The team is sponsored by Seaton & District Lions Club.

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